

The Tomb Is Empty!

## The Greatest News Story

An Editorial

The greatest news story ever to "break" for the world to read, was the news that the tomb was empty, and that Christ had risen from the dead.

The most important fact of history was the death of Christ for our sins, but that event would have been meaningless had it not been followed by the resurrection from the dead.

Those who seek to foist upon the world a redemptive message without a bodily resurrection, are offering a stone to a world which needs bread. They are blind leaders of the blind, for there is absolutely no hope for sinful men, if Christ did not rise from the dead.

Paul said well in 1 Cor. 15, that if Christ did not rise from the dead, "we are of all men most miserable." Christianity is nothing but a sham if there was no bodily resurrection. Everything that the Bible teaches and that we have to preach concerning Christ depends upon his resurrection and being a living Christ. If his body lies as smouldering dust somewhere in a Palestinian tomb,

then the whole world still lieth in darkness.

"But now is Christ risen!" We can shout those words with Paul. We can proclaim them with the early church. We can rejoice in them with believers of all ages.

No fact in history is proved by more indisputable evidence than the resurrection of Jesus Christ. There were hundreds of witnesses who saw him, heard him, and talked to him, after he rose from the grave. This in itself is all the evidence which is needed, but there was much more. The burial clothing fallen flat, the conflicting stories of false witnesses, the message of the angels, the effect upon the disciples, the witness of millions who have found the living Christ in their own hearts, and, yea, the prophecy of Christ himself, all prove that "He is risen."

Let scoffers sneer, and unbelievers reject, but they have no evidence. All of it is on the side of the believers. They can shout the glad news, "Christ the Lord is risen today."

## House Continues Military Exemption For Seminarians

WASHINGTON (BP) — The House of Representatives here voted by 114 to 20 to continue military exemption for students preparing for the ministry under the direction of recognized churches or religious organizations.

The House action over-ruled a recommendation of the House Committee on Armed Services which would have made divinity students subject to the Selective Service draft by repealing their former exemption. Rep. F. E. Herbert (D., La.) is chairman of the Armed Services Committee.

The amendment to restore draft exemption for divinity students was offered by Rep. J. A. Byrne (D., Pa.). He charged that no Protestant, Catholic or Jewish church organizations were consulted by the Selective Service about the effect of drafting seminarians on the supply of ministers. In the debate on the floor of the House of Representatives both sides used the separation of church and state argument to make their points. Rep. Lester L. Wolff (D., N. Y.) said, "Any action by the government to draft divinity students would con-

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## Baptists Urged To Shape 70'S

CHARLESTON, S. C. (BP)—Saying the dominant characteristic of the decade of the Seventies is "fragmentation," a Southern Baptist theologian predicted here that polarization would be the greatest danger facing Southern Baptist life during this decade.

William E. Hull, dean of the School of Theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, urged Baptists to respond to the decade by seeking to shape the Seventies, not just survive them.

Speaking to the Baptist Public Relations Association here, Hull urged Baptists to follow the pattern of early Christians who in the decade of the Seventies in the first century not only survived but shaped the world by adapting their religious practice under the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

"It is my contention that the Bible, when properly understood, is a trustworthy guide to make the authentic adaptations which are needed to shape the Seventies and not merely survive them," Hull said.

"Only if we base our strategy on

the Bible will these changes represent divine creativity rather than human compromise at work in our midst," Hull said.

### New Church

Another speaker, the religion editor of Newsweek magazine, told the Association that he sees a new church developing.

Kenneth L. Woodward, in the closing speech to the association, said that this emerging new church would be composed of "Concerned, committed Christians of all faiths who, without turning their backs on their own traditions have put themselves in God's hands, asking him to lead them toward a unity forged out of common concerns, common risks, mutual efforts arrived at by different paths."

Woodward told the Baptist group he felt the seventies would be a good decade for Southern Baptists.

"There is no reason why Baptists, with their penchant for autonomy, ought to fear the blessings of diversity," he said. "Indeed, the Seventies could be the decade in which South-

ern Baptists, finally come out from under the basket to share the risks and joys of faith with their fellow Christians."

Of the Seventies, Woodward said denominational life would go on, though not as usual, and that each denomination will experience its own crucifixion. "Those that don't will surely be the worse off," he observed.

He predicted the fascination with Jesus in the next decade will increase and become a major focus of interest. "There will be a lot of 'Jesus' around in the Seventies," he said.

Many will turn to the old-time religion in an effort to fight off future shock, but the more creative will reach out for new forms of faith, and many will continue to abandon altogether a religion that refuses to wrestle with the hard knots of modern experience, he observed.

Earlier, Woodward had traced the issues and trends of the 1960's that would affect the Seventies, including such things as Vatican II, the Consultation on Church Union, civil and cul-

tural religion, the "Death of God" theology, the theology of hope, the theology of revolution, secular theology, situation ethics, the civil rights movement, the anti-war movement, counter culture, etc.

Woodward said he could almost

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## Church Building Conferences Set For The State

Two regional Baptist church building conferences have been planned for the state, according to Rev. Bryant M. Cummings, Jackson, director of the Sunday School Department, sponsor.

Donald E. Coniff, Jr., associate in the department and state Baptist building consultant, will direct the two conferences.

The conference for north Mississippi will be held April 20 at

First Baptist Church, Grenada, with the meeting for south Mississippi to be held at First Baptist Church, Brookhaven on April 22.

The two visiting program personalities will be James Coile, pictured, landscape architect in the firm of Coile and Mullin, Inc., Nashville, Tenn., and George Fletcher, consultant, Church Architecture Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, also of Nashville.

Those urged to attend the meeting

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## American Convention In South

Calling itself "the first thoroughly integrated Baptist organization to encompass the South," The American Baptist Churches of the South held its constituting convention.

The president of the new organization, composed of 124 churches in 14 states, said it would provide a new option to Southern Baptist churches that are not happy with the Southern

Baptist Convention's stand on race.

The new organization is composed of 104 black churches and 20 predominantly white churches. All of the white churches are jointly affiliated with the American Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

"Only tokenism, not integration" exists in the Southern Baptist Convention, said J. B. Henderson, a black Baptist pastor from Norfolk, Va., who is the new president of American Baptist Churches of the South.

"Some Southern Baptist churches desire another option," Henderson added. "We are seeking to provide that option."

Henderson said that a desire to clarify their stand on race, a more liberal theological position and approval of ecumenical cooperation has moved some Southern Baptist churches toward alliance with the American Baptist Convention.

Both the president of the organization, Henderson, and the second vice-president, Leroy Jordan are black. The first vice-president, Samuel Hill, professor at the University of North Carolina and member of a dually-aligned ABC-SBC church in Chapel Hill, is white.

The president of the American Baptist Convention, Roger Fredrickson, pastor of First Church in Sioux Falls,

S.D., spoke at the constituting convention here, telling the several hundred delegates that "the ABC is not 'a white man's organization, and we will struggle together to discover God's will.'"

The American Baptist Convention, with 1.4 million members in about 6,200 churches has about 750 black churches. The Southern Baptist Convention, with 11.6 million members in 34,400 churches in all 50 states, has about 60 black churches.

Emmanuel McCall, associate di-

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## Jaycees Sponsor Sunrise Service Easter Morning

"Presbyterian preaching, Methodist testimony and Baptist singing will all be featured at the second annual Jaycees Easter Sunrise service," according to announcement by James Carr, chairman of the arrangements committee.

The service will be held in Mississippi Memorial Stadium at 7:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday, April 11.

The preacher will be the Reverend Donald B. Patterson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Jackson. (Continued on page 5)

## For North Mississippi

## Two Church Administration Conferences Are Planned

Walter A. Benneft, consultant in the Church Administration Department, Sunday School Board, Nashville, will be the conference leader for two Church Administration Conferences in north Mississippi, April 26 and

27. Farrell Blankenship, educational director, First Church Hattiesburg, and approved worker for Church Administration in Mississippi, will also be leading a conference at each of these.

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## April 18 Is Cooperative Program Day

Sunday, April 18, is Cooperative Program Day on the Southern Baptist denominational calendar, and will be observed with special emphasis in many Southern Baptist churches.

This year, Baptist Men, the men's organization in the churches, has accepted the responsibility for helping

promote the special day. Here in Mississippi, Elmer Howell, Director of the Baptist Men's Department (formerly Brotherhood) has been working with John Alexander, Director of the Stewardship Department, in making plans for the day.

Concerning the participation by

Baptist men, Mr. Alexander said, "Baptist men in Mississippi Baptist churches have always supported the Cooperative Program of World Missions. Evidence of this is seen in the steady increase in gifts annually through the Cooperative Program."

"A new dimension now is being added to their regular support. This year on April 18, Baptist Men across Mississippi, will be presenting the ministries of the Cooperative Program in their churches."

A booklet, *Baptist Men Promoting Cooperative Program Day*, has been prepared and made available through both the Stewardship Department and the Baptist Men's Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Pastors are encouraged to open the way for their men to serve on this day, and assist them as needed in planning for this special obser-

vanee." Mr. Alexander continued.

He concluded, "There has been an excellent response to this new approach presented by the Southern Baptist Convention's Stewardship and Brotherhood Commissions and the corresponding departments in each state."

The purpose of the observance of the special day is set forth in the special booklet. It is to be a day "for informing, for inspiring and for involving the people of the churches for participation in 'the world mission of our Saviour.'"

The Cooperative Program is the world mission budget of Southern Baptists. Through it each Southern Baptist can have a share in the support of every program of work supported by his state convention and

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## Purpose Of Cooperative Program Day

By W. Douglas Hudgins  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

"If there is no real purpose in 'Cooperative Program Day' in our churches, why have it?" That is a legitimate question. The answer is obvious. Such a day does have a purpose. Several of them. What are they? Let me suggest only a few.

1 — To inform the membership of our churches about the many facets of our mission endeavors here in our state, throughout the nation, and to the ends of the earth.

2 — To give personality, — life, emotion, compassion, instruction, ministry, personal dedication, — to what too long has been thought of as a "method." Many have never seen that mission effort through the Cooperative Program is the thrust of consecrated lives in devoted service.

3 — To lift the horizon of our people and our churches beyond the visible ministry of the Living Word on the local congregational field. It is an effort to help our people see the assistance to our churches, the provisions of our schools, the establishing of new

missions, the enlistment of individuals in evangelistic proclamation and witnessing, the training of our workers, the continuance of our seminaries, the undergirding of our Home and Foreign Mission Boards with their more than 4500 missionaries in this and 75 other countries of the world and other efforts to make potent our Baptist witness among men.

4 — To place upon the hearts of concerned people the spiritual needs of the millions who have not been reared in the culture of the Christian faith. Our Lord's Commission has never been revoked and our responsibility to be partners with Christ in the proclamation of the Gospel to all men has not grown less with the years.

5 — To encourage a greater personal participation in mission giving through the Cooperative Program. Indeed, it is to encourage and promote a greater degree of financial support for the many causes we as Baptists support. It is to be hoped that this day will result in sizable increases in what we give personally, and as churches, to the causes of missions.



BAPTIST MEN are helping to promote Cooperative Program Day. Left to right, above, are Cliff Wilson, Jackson Bayman; Elmer Howell, director of the Baptist Men's Department, and John Alexander, director of the Stewardship Department. Mr. Alexander displays the booklet, BAPTIST MEN PROMOTING COOPERATIVE PROGRAM DAY.



## With Baptist Foundation, For Negro Students

## Davis Establishes Scholarship Fund

A trust fund has been established with the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, to provide scholarships for "deserving Negro ministerial" students or "dedicated Negro Christian students in other Christian vocations." These may be used in any recognized theological seminary, college or university.

The trust is named "The William P. Davis Memorial Trust" in honor of Dr. William P. Davis, who has been director of the Department of Work with National Baptists, and president of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary for the past 11 years. Dr. Davis comes to retirement on September 1, 1971.

The first grant to this trust is \$1,000, and includes money which has come to Dr. Davis from friends, and also personal funds given by Dr. Davis himself. One of the first gifts from friends was a check from Rev. Barney Thames, pastor of Pecan Heights Baptist Church in Dallas. He is a former Mississippian.

According to Dr. Carey Cox, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, this is an open-end trust, with the option of other funds in any amount being added to it, and it is hoped that friends of Dr. Davis will take advantage of the opportunity of sharing in this fund which perpetually honors him, and provides help for worthy young people.

The persons receiving scholarships available from this fund will be announced each year at the annual commencement of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. The committee appointed to select recipients will be comprised

of the director of the Department of Work with National Baptists of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, the president of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary, and the executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The trust was set up on Thursday, April 1, 1971, at the Baptist Building in Jackson, when Dr. Davis and Dr. Carey Cox signed the trust agreement.

Dr. Cox stated that this is just one of a number of trusts which are held by the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, the income from which has been designated by the donors for the scholarships, Christian education, missions or for other causes.



Dr. William P. Davis, director of the Department of Work with National Baptists of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, signs a trust agreement with the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, setting up "The William P. Davis Memorial Trust." The trust will provide scholarships for worthy Negro students, who have felt the call for the ministry or other Christian vocation. Left to right, standing, and watching as Dr. Davis signs the trust are, Dr. T. B. Brown, president of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary; Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Rev. Dick Brogan, director-elect of the Department of Work with National Baptists of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; and Dr. Carey Cox, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation.

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stitute an interference of government into spiritual ground and would, in a sense, violate our traditional separation of church and state."

Wolff further pointed out that by repeal of the draft exemption for divinity students the government might be setting standards in religious education due to the different procedures by various denominations in selecting and training their ministers.

On the other hand, Rep. William G. Bray (R., Ind.) contended that "Congress could not continue exemptions for divinity students as an aid to religion because that would be a violation of the First Amendment to the Constitution."

Bray further charged that many students had stayed in college as a means of gaining a draft deferment. He said if the exemption were lifted for other college students but continued for divinity students, "theology school would be the only remaining draft haven and a great number of draft evaders would be seeking entry into such schools."

The Indiana congressman cited the General Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel as supporting the repeal of draft exemption for divinity students.

Rep. Abner J. Mikva (D., Ill.) retorted that, since a minister must be a seminary graduate before he can become a chaplain, "it seems to me that the chaplains are very anxious to preserve their monopolistic position and I do not see where that is an entirely Christian or Jewish approach."

Rep. John Buchanan (R., Ala.), a Southern Baptist minister, took the House floor to defend draft exemption for divinity students. He deplored the

attempt to Congress to divert young people who have been called to God's service and had begun their training. He said that such action might force some divinity students to claim conscientious objection, "which some of them may not be able to do in good conscience."

Washington observers seem to think that draft exemption for divinity students will face no further serious attack during action on the Selective Service Act, either in the House or the Senate.

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by the Southern Baptist Convention. Through it one gift helps support thousands of missionaries, Christian witness in many lands, and in thousands of places, and many institutional programs. In no other way can an individual Christian share in so many different phases of the Lord's work.

Suggestions for the programs for observance of Cooperative Program day include messages on the development of the Program, what the program actually is, and why every Baptist should support it. In most churches the pastor probably will preach on the Cooperative Program or some phases of its ministry. In

Sunday school departments, Church Training sessions, and other organizational meetings it is possible and probable that some emphasis will be given to the Program.

The necessity for such an observance is quickly evident when one realized that many people support the Cooperative Program without knowing what it really is, and others tend to become complacent about it.

Leaders hope and pray that such an emphasis as this will both enlighten people as to the real meaning of this great mission budget, and inspire both individuals and churches to broader support of it.



## Hebron (Jones) Burns Note, Is Debtfree

HEBRON CHURCH, Jones County, recently held a noteburning ceremony; the church is debtfree after an intensive building and remodeling program over the past few years. Included in the program were additional educational space, central heat and cooling system, kitchen and fellowship hall, complete renovation of the sanctuary, and purchase of a new organ. Following the noteburning, the church accepted plans for a new colonial brick veneer pastor's home, to be completed this spring or summer. Taking part in the recent noteburning ceremony were, left to right: Tommy Pickering, treasurer and chairman of the Building Committee; Hubert Dyess, chairman of deacons; James Huff, chairman of the Finance Committee; and Rev. Bruce S. Hilburn, interim pastor.

## Baptists Are Urged To Shape The 70's

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hear some of the nearly 100 Baptist public relations workers asking what these issues have to do with religion, or feeling that the issues don't touch the people they are concerned about.

My only answer is, if these issues haven't touched your life already, lucky you. But they will. If not you, then your children. Even Carl McIntire's son is a dove on Vietnam," Woodward said.

## W. C. Fields

Earlier, the president of the organization, W. C. Fields of Nashville, told the association that "for better or worse, the people in this room this morning can have a significant role in what is happening and what will happen among Southern Baptists. As Christian communicators, our Baptist future is partly in your hands."

Fields, public relations secretary for the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, said the central function, of the people attending is "to convey information—significant, useful, meaningful information—to persuade, to secure understanding and support for the cause we serve."

Unfortunately, Fields said, many people, including some churchmen, view the public relations role as that of neutralizing or eliminating the voices of dissent. "But public relations is not really capable of brainwashing and it ought not be capable of whitewashing," he said.

He added that one Baptist administrator had recently proposed in a speech that the denomination's news service be eliminated. "When administrators threaten the information media of the denomination with a lynching because they report the truth—including the truth that is embarrassing—then some changes ought to be made somewhere," he said.

## Officers

During major business sessions, the association elected Mrs. Lee N. Allen, public relations consultant for the Woman's Missionary Union of the SBC, as president, and Tom Brannon, public relations director for the South Carolina Baptist Convention as president-elect.

Other officers elected were program vice president Ed Shipman of the SBC Radio-TV Commission; membership vice president Jesse Fletcher of the SBC Foreign Mission Board; newsletter editor William Nunnally of Samford University; secretary-treasurer Agnes Ford of Nashville; and an Inter-Agency Council representative, Lucy Hoskins of the SBC Sunday School Board.

## Awards

The association presented a total of 30 awards for public relations achievements and projects to members representing 29 different agencies. The public relations office the Baptist General Convention of Texas won 18 of the awards.

In the opening address, Emmanuel L. McCall, associate director of the Department of Work with National Baptists for the SBC Home Mission Board, traced the role of the black church in the quest for social justice in America, saying the civil rights

movement got its start in the black church.

"I would hope that the black church will help the white church to understand what it means to be prophetic," said McCall, one of the few black executives employed by a Southern Baptist agency.

## Poverty

In another opening session address, Richard Brannon, former South Carolina Baptist minister who is now special assistant to the secretary of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, outlined the needs of the nation's poor.

"To those who say that welfare is a waste of money," said Brannon, "I would say that the failure to help the poor is a much greater waste of manpower, human resources and money."

Brannon, former Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) aide, said that the myth that most poor are black needs to be exploded, since 69 percent of the poor are white and the remaining 31 percent includes all ethnic groups.

Asked what churches could do to fight poverty, Brannon urged good citizenship. Miller expressed frustration, saying "surely to God, there must be something more than just being good citizens," adding that Baptists "are going to have to get our soft little hands dirt."

## Workshop Sessions

Most of the second day of the conference was spent in workshop-type sessions seeking to solve public relations problems, and in general sessions with speeches by Ralph E. Frede, director of development for Baylor College of Medicine, Houston; Worth McDougald, professor of journalism at the University of Georgia, Athens; and John Stuart McKenzie, vice president of an Atlanta graphic arts firm.

McDougald summarized much of the tenor of the conference saying, "If we don't start communicating in the church, we're going to find there won't be any church in the 21st century."

Next year, the association will meet in San Antonio, Tex., April 4-6. Future meetings were scheduled in New Orleans in 1973, San Francisco in 1974,

Williamsburg, Va., in 1975 and Orlando, Fla., in 1976.

In his address, Dr. Hull declared "Under the guidance of the Spirit" in the 1970's, Southern Baptists should "devise new organizational forms, new patterns of leadership, new strategies of presentation."

"If we stay true to the intention of the Book, while at the same time following the inspiration of the spirit, it is my contention that we may indeed shape—and not just survive—the Seventies for Christ," he stated.

Warning against increased polarization, Hull observed, that "it seems inevitable that our denominational fellowship will become 'layered' by our multiple life styles which, sociologists would tell us, are largely incompatible."

"This does not necessarily mean, however, that the convention must splinter into several groups or that we must develop a public relations consensus," he said. "Rather it raises the question of whether we can mobilize a theological reality great enough to transcend the sociological polarization already well advanced in our midst."

Hull said that the most common terms used to describe this polarization were the words "conservative" and "liberal" but later, in the discussion period, observed that Baptists need to "mint some new words" because Baptists have come to feel "liberal" is a bad word and "conservative" is a good one.

Baptists, Hull argued, are being polarized by those committed primarily to a preservation of our heritage and to those open to the hope of something better; by traditionalists oriented toward the past and innovators oriented toward the future, and by those who cling to a few simple absolutes and fundamentals and those determined to be "critically reflective about the complexity of religious life."

Christians, however, cannot choose between these emphasis, because each has its place and its worthwhile points. "We want the best of both and

Thank you, God, for helping me to see I'm of value to you, to other people, and to myself. —Ed Seabough in *Babble On* and other run-ins, a Broadman book



## FBC, Newton, Assists In Alaskan TV Ministry

Dewitt Pickering, minister of music, First Church, Newton, (above left) is shown presenting a check to Rev. Hollis Bryant, pastor of First Church, Juneau, Alaska. The check in the amount of \$400 was sent by the Newton Baptist Church to assist in the financial support of the television ministry of First Baptist Church, Juneau. Mr. Pickering carried the check and personally presented it when he went to Alaska to assist the Juneau church in a revival crusade March 21-27.

the worst of neither," he declared. Baptists should be concerned both with the day before yesterday and the day after tomorrow, he said.

During the discussion period, Hull called for a new and deeper sense of love among Baptists for those of differing points of view.

Three members of the public relations organization responded to Hull's remarks in the dialogue session.

Walker Knight, editor of Home Missions Magazine who had just returned from an investigative reporting trip to California to study the "Jesus movement" among youth, said Hull's remarks about polarization between generations and cultures were more prophetic than he might have realized.

Knight said the polarization of the Seventies will most likely be over whether to be open to this (Jesus) movement or not, and the theological questions it will raise. Briefly, he described the movement as one of "phenomenal power that is awesome to behold" with a strong evangelistic zeal, a puritan ethic, literalism in scripture interpretation, new theology of fundamentalism, a "holiness of life, leadership of the Holy Spirit, and an intense emotionalism." One of the main messages of the movements is that Jesus is coming again, soon," he emphasized.

Catherine Allen, public relations consultant for the Woman's Missionary Union of the SBC, commented on Hull's plea for innovation in the Seventies by observing that when SBC leaders made an attempt to be adaptive and creative with new approaches in curriculum for the 1970's, they discovered that most Baptist people were not sure they wanted this.

John Roberts, editor of the Baptist Courier, the South Carolina Baptist state paper, questioned whether or not the Southern Baptist umbrella is large enough to cover all the differing points of view Hull mentioned.

## Southern Seminary Will

## Hold Annual Alumni

## Luncheon In St. Louis

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here will hold its annual Alumni Luncheon June 2 during the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis, Mo.

The program is scheduled to get underway at 4 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of Stouffer's Riverfront Inn in St. Louis.

Besides serving as a general fellowship for alumni, the luncheon will also honor the silver anniversary of the Class of 1946 and the tenth anniversary of the Class of 1960. Both graduating groups will be invited to fill special reunion tables at the luncheon.

Tickets for the event are \$5.50 each and can be reserved now by sending a check for the number needed to Alumni Reunion; Southern Baptist Seminary, 2226 Lexington Road, Louisville, Ky. 40206.

One final word: The Riverfront Inn is in the heart of St. Louis' top tourist attractions. Alumni will be able to visit the Arch, the Sports Hall of Fame at Busch Stadium, the Dred Scott Courthouse, and the World's Fair Spanish Pavilion — all just a minute's walk from the banquet hall — after the program.

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The conferences are sponsored by the Church Administration Department, Howard Foshee, secretary, of the Sunday School Board, and the Cooperative Missions Department, Dr. Foy Rogers, director, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Major emphasis will be on pastoral ministries, deacon training, staff relations, decision making and time efficiency.

These conferences will be held at First Church, Oxford, April 26, and Tutwiler Church, April 27.

AGENDA FOR EACH CONFERENCE: 1:00, prayer and welcome; 1:10, pastoral ministries—Walter A. Bennett (Leading the church to accomplish its mission; Proclaiming the gospel; caring for members and nonmembers); 2:10, Building a Team (Pastor-Staff Relations) —Farrell Blankenship; 2:50, Break; 3:10, Training and Involving Deacons in Ministry —Leon Emery; 3:50, Problem-solving Skills —Walter A. Bennett; 4:50, How to make the Best Use of Your Time—Leon Emery; 5:30, Adjourn.

Similar conferences will be conducted for south and central Mississippi at Taylorsville Church, April 29, and First Church, Kosciusko, April 30. Bill Young and Ernest Mosley of the Church Administration Department, Sunday School Board, will be leading in these.

All superintendents of associational missions, pastors, church staff members and deacons whose schedule will permit are invited.

Leon Emery, associate, Cooperative Missions Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, is conference director.



Blankenship

Bennett

How alcohol damages brain cells is shown in the American Temperance Society's new film. The film "Just One" focuses on research by Dr. Melvin H. Knisely, professor of anatomy at the Medical University of South Carolina. The film reveals how alcohol causes red blood cells to become sticky and wad together. The wads plug up small vessels and shut off the oxygen supply to surrounding cells. If a cell is shut off for a period of 15 to 20 minutes, the cell dies.

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most convenient are superintendents of missions, pastors, staff members, planning and survey committee members, building committee members, architects, engineers, and suppliers of materials and equipment used in churches.

Each meeting will begin at 9:45 a.m. and close at 3:45 p.m.

Following each afternoon session, Mr. Cole, Mr. Conniff and Mr. Fletcher will be available for 45 minutes personal conferences for those church representatives who have been in attendance at the conference.

To receive an assignment contact Mr. Conniff at Mississippi Baptist Sunday School Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi 39205.

This drive to find freshness and variety in life is the creative impulse of man and one of the signs that he was made in the image of God. Albert McClellan in *Creative Expectancy*, a Broadman book

## Revival Dates



First, Bay St. Louis: "Time For Christ Crusade"; April 18-24; Rev. Harold T. Bryson, (left) pastor of First Church, Carthage, evangelist; Leon Bedsole, (right) music evangelist, currently serving as minister of music and youth at First Church, Biloxi; Rev. Perry D. Neal, pastor.

Bethel Church, Columbus (Lowndes): April 18-25; Rev. John Ed Snell, pastor of First Church, Jena, La., evangelist; Vernon Studdard, Sr., music director; services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Gordon C. Sansing, pastor.

First Baptist Church, Long Beach: revival services beginning Easter morning; the pastor, Dr. Gail DeBord, will be evangelist; the minister of music, Charles Red, will be presenting a music program utilizing several of the church's choirs as well as outstanding soloists and groups from other sources. (The effort is including seven Sundays prior to Easter given to revival preaching. The revival emphasis is actually one aspect of a program of perennial evangelism.)



# Successful Kidney Machine Drive Leads To Helping Alcatraz Indians

By James Lee Young  
RICHMOND, Calif. (BP)—A few months ago, 12-year-old Eben (Buddy) Giese was the object of a nationwide coupon drive to obtain a life-saving kidney machine. Now Buddy has a new kidney and a "love" project of his own—helping the Indians living on the former federal prison island of Alcatraz in San Francisco Bay.

Members of the Balboa Park Baptist here were so successful in their campaign to obtain a kidney machine for Buddy that they were inspired to look for other ways they could help people in need.

In December, Mrs. Jean Grigsby and Mrs. Eben Giese Sr., Buddy's mother, initiated a campaign through the church to try to obtain 800,000 Betty Crocker coupons to exchange for a kidney machine for Buddy.

More than 1½ million coupons were collected in the drive, and the extra coupons were made available to other kidney patients.

In January, Buddy not only got his kidney machine, but was the recipient of a kidney transplant from an unidentified donor.

The machine was promptly returned to the Northern California Kidney Foundation and made available to another needy patient.

The coupon drive had been so successful that enthused Mrs. Grigsby began looking for another way to minister to the needs of others. She discovered that about 60 Indians occupying Alcatraz Island were badly in need of supplies—food, bedding and clothing.

Aided by Mrs. Giese and 15 young people from the Baptist church here, they immediately launched another drive. The last tally showed 15 boxes and bags of clothing, two or three boxes of canned goods, cereals, and other staple foods. Women of the church went door-to-door asking for clothing and supplies.

The Indian's claim to the island, versus the government's refusal to turn title to the island over to the Indians, does not bother Mrs. Grigsby.

"It's not up to us to judge whether the Indians should be there or not," she said. "All we know is that they need help and we should give it to them if we can."

Meanwhile, Buddy spent six weeks in the hospital recovering from the kidney transplant surgery. The day after he was released from the hospital, he was at the church helping on the Alcatraz project.

Though he was rather weak and limited to distributing handbills advertising the project, Buddy has been "feeling good so far," and said he hasn't needed a machine since the transplant.

Mrs. Giese said she and the family were "flabbergasted" by the response to the campaign for Buddy. "All kinds of people helped."

Buddy added that "it made me feel

good to know that so many people cared."

Apparently, the concern for Buddy has sparked a deeper involvement on the part of the people of the church, according to the pastor.

The coupon and the later clothing drive mark a first for the church in becoming involved in the community, said Jan Thomas, pastor of the church and a third-year master of divinity student at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.

Thomas said he had been preaching inner-city evangelism to the church members, but "they were afraid before."

"Our members are becoming awake to what's going on in the city around them," he observed. They're not saying that there is a way to reach people for Christ, Thomas said.

The church's next project is to open a teen center and to hold a "Jesus Rally" on the church property within the next two months.

## Ten Percent Of Total Salary Of Pastor Recommended For Retirement Plans

By W. R. Roberts  
The retirement plan that most of our churches are participating in for their pastors was started about 1940. At that time, a ceiling of \$4,000.00 was placed on the amount of salary a church could pay on. Churches were asked to pay \$400.00 per year or \$33.34 per month.

It is quite apparent that a retirement plan that was thought adequate 30 years ago is no longer adequate. With a spiraling economy, Social Security as well as other pension plans, have up-graded their deposits and of course their benefits several times. In most instances, our churches are still depositing \$33.34 per month for their pastor's pension plan. This is only 10% of \$4,000.00, regardless of the amount that you presently pay your pastor.

To help provide retirement benefits in the Southern Baptist Protection Program, it is recommended that the church participate on a minimum of ten per cent of the pastor's total monthly salary. When the monthly dues exceed \$33.34 a month in Plan "A", the additional dues are then placed in supplemental plans "B" or "C".

If a church decides to increase its deposits for the pastor's pension plan, no additional forms are required. Any amount over \$33.34 will be credited in Plan "B" or "C".

## Music Witness And Outreach Conference For Small Churches



Larry Rohman, First Baptist Church, Jackson, speaker.



Kermit McGregor, Temple Church, Hattiesburg, coordinator.

Earwood, Director; 8:45 Message: "Place of Music in a Weekly Revival"—Rev. Larry Rohman.

Rev. Kermit McGregor, pastor, Temple Church, Hattiesburg, is coordinator. This conference is sponsored by the Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

## Woman Gives \$100,000 To Build Cottage For Home

MONROE, La. (BP)—Mrs. W. C. Feazel, a member of the West Monroe First Baptist Church, has given the Louisiana Children's Home \$100,000 to be used for building a new cottage here.

Mrs. Feazel said that she saw an article in the Children's Home newspaper pointing out the need for several new cottages to be built at a cost of \$100,000 each.

When she presented her check for the new cottage to Wade B. East, superintendent of the Baptist children's home, Mrs. Feazel expressed hope that someone else would also see the need and give a cottage.



## Shiloh (Lafayette) Is Now Debt-Free

THE BUILDING PROGRAM of Shiloh Church, Lafayette County, from 1961 to 1971, included a new church building with new pews, pulpit furniture and a new parsonage. The church over a ten-year period of time spent a total of \$30,000 and on March 21, in the Sunday morning service, held a noteburning service and is now debt-free. Those participating in the note burning service are, left to right: Kyle D. Harris, chairman of deacons; W. A. Long, who donated the land on which the property is built; Curtis Sparks, chairman of the building program; Rev. Pardee Tutor, present pastor; and Floyd Gardner, chairman of the building funds.

## City-Wide Youth Crusade In Jackson Next Week

Reachout '71, a City-wide Youth Crusade, has been scheduled for Jackson April 12-15, with services to be held each evening at 7 p. m. at the City Auditorium. The planning committee believes that it will be one of the largest Christian youth programs ever planned for Jackson or anywhere in the state.

A Baptist youth leader, Mrs. R. C. Alexander, former youth director for First Baptist Church, Jackson, is co-chairman of the planning committee.

The speaker will be Jay Kesler of Wheaton, Illinois, vice-president of Youth for Christ International.

Program director will be Ralph Fry of Denver, Colorado, a young man who has wide experience in planning and coordinating programs for youth.

Featured musicians for the crusade will be the New World Singers of Chicago. They use a program of popular folk-rock music that is planned to communicate a Christian message. They have traveled both nationally and internationally.

The New World Singers will arrive in Jackson on Sunday afternoon, April 11, and will be featured in a special pre-crusade Baptist Youth Fellowship for all Baptist youth of the Jackson area, to be held in Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church on Sunday evening at 8:30.

Reachout '71 has been in the making for two years. There was a growing feeling among youth ministers that a city-wide youth crusade was needed, and there was also a feeling that a creative approach should be employed to attract non-Christian young people who have not been reached by traditional methods.

Word was received of a very successful youth crusade in San Antonio called "Happening '69". The idea was repeated successfully in other cities, including Dallas, Houston, Long Beach, and Chicago. There was a feeling that such an approach would work in Jackson.

The idea was presented to a representative group of ministers, youth workers, businessmen and school officials. Everyone thought it should be done. Plans were made for "Happening '70" in the spring of last year. But as the school changeover created a climate of uncertainty the plans were shelved.

In the fall of last year, the idea was adopted by Kiwanis club leaders

as a special project. Kiwanians assumed the leadership in raising the necessary funds and asked church leaders to plan, sponsor, and supervise the event.

Reachout '71 is designed especially for high school and college students. Adults should attend only if they are bringing a group of young people, and small children should not attend.

Each night the program will be based on a theme relating to a particular youth problem such as drugs, sex, etc. The auditorium will be decorated in youth fashion. Extensive use will be made of props, backdrops, multi-image projections, special lighting and sound effects and every possible contemporary programming technique. The program will begin as first rate entertainment. It will develop the theme of the evening presenting the problem and setting the stage for the speaker. The speaker will present a straight forward Bible message related to the problem, but definitely evangelistic. He will give an invitation for those who wish to accept Christ to go to a prayer room where they will talk with trained counselors. The invitation will be without pressure.

The speaker, Jay Kesler, was the speaker for the "Happening" crusade in San Antonio and other cities. One of the best teen communicators in America, he is in constant demand as a speaker for colleges and city-wide youth crusades. He is thirty-five years old, married, and has three children. Special guests will appear each night. Chris McClamroch, Miss Mississippi, will be the guest on Monday.

The crusade planning budget is \$8,000. The bulk is being raised through Kiwanis Clubs. Further support has been pledged by the Jackson Ministerial Association and other organizations. All gifts to the crusade are tax exempt.

"Reachout '71" is a state chartered non-profit corporation. The co-chairmen are Mrs. R. C. Alexander, and Rev. Sam Patterson, Chairman of Reformed Theological Seminary and former President of French Camp Academy. The co-ordinator is Rev. Gary Fagan, director of Jackson Youth for Christ.

A number of Baptist pastors and laymen are among those serving on the Crusade Committees.

The Christian who lives by "expectant hope keeps an open door to miracles, an open heart to victory, and an open hand to action."—Albert McClellan in Creative Expectancy, a Broadman book

## Mrs. Fancher Signs Contract With Broadman

Mrs. James Fancher of Aberdeen has signed a contract with Broadman Press, thus sealing the official agreement that Broadman will publish her 128-page book, THE CHRISTIAN WOMAN IN THE CHRISTIAN HOME, as a Broadman Readers' Plan book release for the second quarter 1972, April 1, 1972.

Bill Cannon, editor, Inspirational Books, Broadman Press, writes concerning Mrs. Fancher and her new book:

"Mrs. Fancher is the wife of a popular and successful pastor highly regarded in Mississippi. She is a talented, creative, and sprightly writer and offers a weekly column in THE BAPTIST RECORD, Baptist state paper of Mississippi, which draws considerable

## American Convention

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rector of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board Department of Work with National Baptists, contacted by the Washington Post for the comment on the organization of American Baptist Churches of the South, has this reaction:

"The new American Baptist unit in the South should force us (Southern Baptists) to not just accept black churches, but to actively seek them." McCall, one of the few black executive staff members for a Southern Baptist agency, observed that none of the SBC state conventions is "thoroughly integrated," and there are no blacks on any national committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

American Baptist Churches of the South includes congregations in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

The organization got its start in Charlotte, N. C., last April when 242 delegates from 75 churches met and voted to recommend to their congregations that a new region, related to the American Baptist Convention, be formed.—(BP)

## First, McComb, To Link Old With New

By Charles Dunagin,  
Enterprise Journal Staff Writer  
Deacon, First Church, McComb  
Members of First Church, McComb, who have been looking ahead recently to a new sanctuary, looked back 48 years Sunday, March 28 and examined the contents of a cornerstone placed in the old one on December 9, 1923.

The cornerstone was opened during morning worship services at the church's temporary sanctuary and fellowship hall in the new educational complex on West Delaware Avenue.

The congregation moved to the new location two years ago from the old building at the corner of Delaware and Fourth.

The cornerstone was removed from the soon to be demolished old building and taken to the new location for opening and examination.

A copper box inside the stone contained:

—A resume of church history to 1923 including a list of the deacons of that year when the Delaware and Fourth street sanctuary was constructed. B. B. Stamps is the only surviving deacon, according to Dr. Wyatt Hunter, pastor emeritus, who assisted Dr. John Lee Taylor, the pastor, in describing the contents of the box to the congregation as the items were removed.

—A book containing 192 names of WMU members of 1923.

—A book about the Dorcas Club, organized in 1901. Members of the club purchased a \$10,000 pipe organ for the old building. Plans are to put it in the new one.

—Two city newspapers of 1923, the McComb City Journal and the McComb City Enterprise. They were later merged into the Enterprise-Journal.

—A copy of the Baptist Record and the Baptist Standard, a Texas paper.

—A bible with the inscription of a Sunday School class on it and a much older Bible believed to have come out of the cornerstone of the previous building.

—A Sunday School or Bible quarterly of 1905.

—A Southern Baptist convention annual.



## They Were There In 1923

Several persons who were present when the cornerstone of First Church, McComb, was placed in the old building in 1923 were present at the service when the cornerstone was opened. They include, from left, front, Mrs. E. R. Fleming, Mrs. Jewell A. Reabold, Mrs. E. L. Ricks, Mrs. U. S. Hines, Mrs. H. S. Lee, Mrs. T. M. Cruise, Mrs. J. W. Phillips, Mrs. Milton Kalgier; seated, Mrs. F. D. Hewitt and Judge Hansford Simmons; standing rear, Mrs. John Brady, Mrs. J. T. Lyons, Mrs. Elwood Branch, Mrs. Albert Dunn and Mrs. L. S. McClaren. (Photo by Chas. Dunagin).

—A McComb City Enterprise dated February 16, 1905.

—A 1903 dime and an 1887 nickel.

—A card of the general contractor for the 1923 building, August Wennerlund.

—A visitor's pencil.

—A piece of paper too deteriorated to read and a billfold or change purse.

Dr. Taylor said the copper box, which was sealed until it was cut open prior to Sunday's services, obviously contained items from the 1905 cornerstone—the year the first church building was constructed—the 1923 items.

They will all be placed, along with current material, in the cornerstone of the church's third sanctuary now in the planning stages.



Judge Hansford Simmons displays box from cornerstone.

## Mrs. O. P. Estes Dies In Meridian

Mrs. O. P. Estes, wife of the late Dr. O. O. Estes, died at Riley's Hospital Meridian, Saturday, March 20. She had a massive stroke while visiting in the home of Rev. W. Otis Seal, pastor of Calvary, Meridian. She is survived by two sons and two daughters: Otto Estes of Baton Rouge, La.; David Estes of New Orleans, La.; Mrs. R. R. (Dorothy) Burns of Houston, Texas; and Mrs. A. E. (Frances) Romershauser of New Orleans, La.

Mrs. Estes had made her home in New Orleans since her husband's death in 1949. Dr. Estes pastored First Church, Picayune, 25 years and First Church, Bogalusa, La. 15 years. For many years he served as president of Louisiana Baptist Convention. Dr. Estes began his ministry by teaching at Woman's College in Hattiesburg.

Funeral services for Mrs. Estes were conducted by Rev. W. Otis Seal in Bogalusa, Louisiana and interment was in the cemetery there.



WILDA FANCHER of Aberdeen signs a contract with Broadman Press, Nashville, for the publication of her book, THE CHRISTIAN WOMAN IN THE CHRISTIAN HOME, while her husband, Rev. James Fancher, proudly shares the moment.



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## EDITORIAL

### A Program Worthy Of Full Support

Sunday, April 18, is Cooperative Program Day on the Southern Baptist Convention Calendar of Activities. It will be well if every church marks this day, and gives special recognition to it in the services. This year Baptist Men are going to promote the observance in every possible church.

The Cooperative Program has been a mighty blessing to Southern Baptists. Although it is nothing more than the world mission budget of the convention, it has made it possible for every Southern Baptist church, no matter how small, and for every Southern Baptist, no matter how limited his means, to participate in all of the world mis-

sions program which the convention has adopted.

It is not a perfect program. No Southern Baptist ever has claimed that it was. The reason is that it is a program involving men, and men are not perfect. Most Southern Baptists, however, are convinced that the development of the Cooperative Program was directly under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Even with its imperfections, it is the best plan that the convention thus far has found for the support of the tremendous world mission program into which the Lord has led us.

Churches can support missions and thus carry out the commission of Christ

in other ways, and many do. However, there is no other way known among Southern Baptists, where one church or one individual can help support the work of 2500 foreign missionaries, 2500 home missionaries, dozens of state missionaries, schools, hospitals, orphanages, a radio-television ministry, and numerous other types of Christian witness, all with one program of giving.

The Cooperative Program has worked miracles in Southern Baptist work, and enabled them to develop the largest mission program and largest Christian education program on the earth today.

Such a program deserves the support and prayers of every Southern Baptist. Where it has weaknesses let us strengthen them. Where it has faults let us change them. Together, as Southern Baptists, we can do that. But, above all, let us support this program, that it may continue its ministry of witnessing to millions in the name of Christ, for a long time to come.

Every church in the state should give recognition to the Cooperative Program on April 18. We hope that your church will do that.

### Dogwood Time, And Azalea

It is dogwood time in the woods of Mississippi, and the azaleas are setting yards of homes in city, town, and country, aflame with color.

The redbud is in full flower, and fruit trees carry their multi-hued announcement of the beginning of another season.

The tulips are in blossom and their beauty shines forth in many places.

A ride up the Natchez Trace Parkway, or along almost any highway or street, fills one's vision with the green sheen of spring, as the trees burst forth in new foliage. And the dogwood complements the new green with its glorious whiteness.

Everywhere there is the sign of the wonderful life that God gives in nature, for it is resurrection time in this part of creation too.

How can one be an atheist, when he beholds what God does as the warm days of spring cause the glory of his workmanship to break forth?

One is reminded of the words of Jesus, "Consider the lilies of the field. . . Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed as one of these."

The dogwood, the azalea, the red

bud, the tulips, . . . and the trees and fields themselves, proclaim the same message.



(RNS PHOTO)

#### The EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

Fifteen thousand people died yesterday in a staggering, numbing worldwide disaster. The bitter death toll will reach the same proportion today—and while they die, only a comparative handful of people will do anything about it.

The disaster? Sheer starvation. And that is only an average day. A little drought here or there, or an early rain somewhere else and the number will rocket.

—Baptist Times, London

Russian concentration camps may be holding as many as a million prisoners, according to Peter Hedaway, a British expert on Soviet affairs. He says that best information available reveals that there are about 1,000 camps, and each camp holds about 1,000 prisoners.

—Baptist Times, London

Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great.—Mark Twain

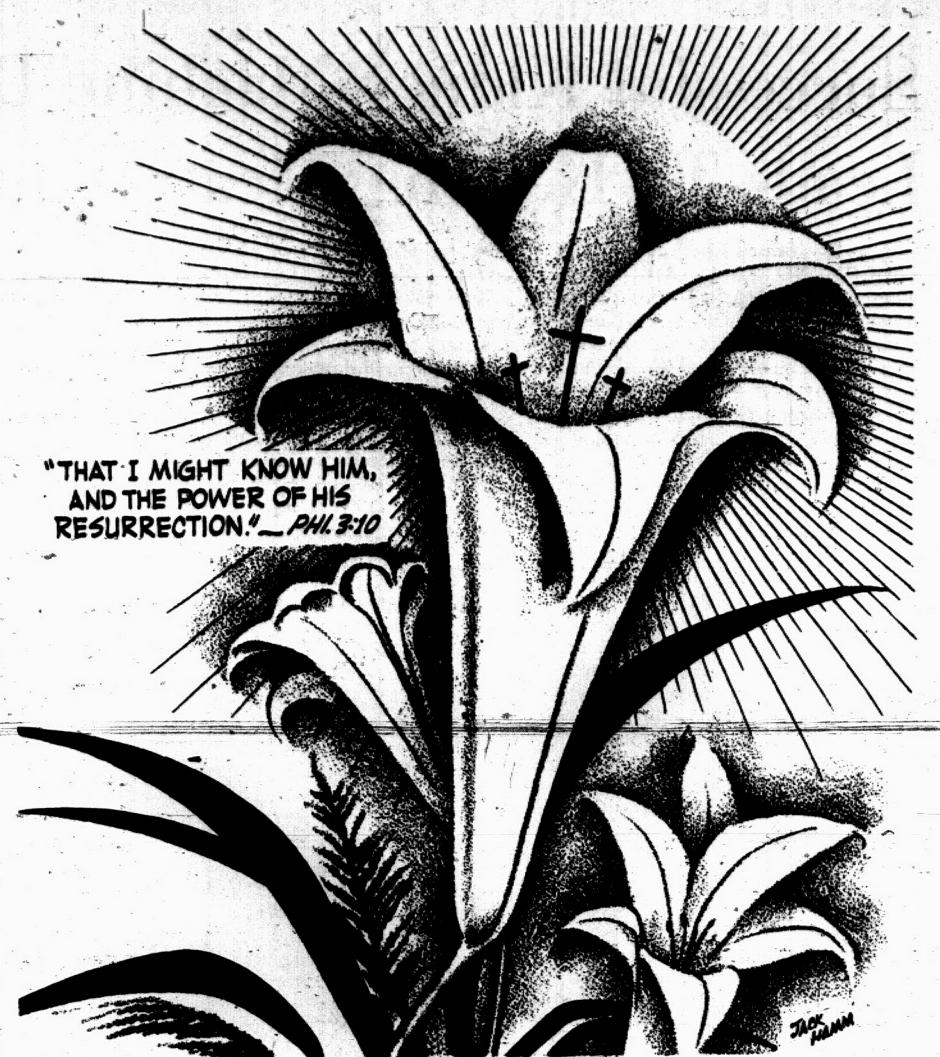
#### On The MORAL SCENE...

After many complaints from consumers who said they had been billed for Reader's Digest condensed books they hadn't ordered, the Reader's Digest Association promised the New York City Department of Consumer Affairs it would mend its ways. Each year the Reader's Digest mails millions of entry blanks for the Reader's Digest sweepstakes. Many include boxes that can be checked "yes" or "no" to indicate whether the contestant wants to receive a condensed book. But people told the New York City agency they had received books even though they checked the "no" box, and were being billed for payment.

The Federal Trade Commission, meanwhile, has accused Reader's Digest of failing to award some \$2.5-million worth of sweepstakes prizes from January 1966 to January 1969, almost half of the amount proclaimed in the sweepstakes promotion. According to the FTC, the winning numbers were selected before they were mailed. If the holder of a winning ticket did not respond, his prize was not awarded. The FTC further charged that first and second prize winners were subject to interviews by private detectives. —Consumer Reports, March 1971

Consumer advocate Ralph Nader asked Congress recently to block President Nixon's speedup of tax deductions for depreciation, calling it an unlawful \$3-billion subsidy to favored businesses. Nader sent to a Senate Judiciary subcommittee a legal analysis of the liberalized depreciation rules, arguing that Nixon's order is a usurpation of legislative power and is not in fact a depreciation reform. "Once again powerful private interests have undertaken a raid on the U.S. Treasury," Nader wrote. . . . The order, formally promulgated last week, would let businessmen write off their outlays for new equipment or machinery 20% faster than in the past, in tax deductions for depreciation. "The cost per taxpayer per year will rise from over \$45 in fiscal 1972 to over \$70 in fiscal 1976," Nader said. —(Nashville Tennessean, 3-22-71)

**CAR NIGHT RIDE TRIP DANGEROUS.** Night travel by automobile is three times more dangerous than day travel in spite of the reduced traffic flow, the Street and Highway Safety Lighting Bureau warns. Figures from the National Safety Council show a fatality rate of 6.3 per 100,000,000 vehicles miles after dark compared to 2.3 during daylight. — (The Charlotte News, 11-23-70)



THE VALLEY OF THE LILY



#### A Woman's World Reaches Far Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

When I was a little girl all I knew about salt was that it came from a shaker and was sprinkled over food to make it taste better.

Somewhere the scripture "Ye are the salt of the earth" which a lovely worker-with-children taught me "way back then brought to my mind that Christians were sprinkled out of God's shaker to make the world better. What study I have done and theologies I've heard preached have never made the scripture more meaningful to me than my childhood mental picture of God sprinkling the earth with His Christians to make the world better.

Lifelong exposure to many of God's grains of salt has surely made my part of the world better. The bunch of us youngsters who started first grade together had the tipstiest collection of giggle boxes in captivity—a thing as slight as a glance could turn them over and free the giggles. Though we had a dozen giggles to go with each giggle, both men and women worked with us on and on. Everything the church wanted to do for us was done by those grains of salt from God's shaker.

Even my impatience with the war in Vietnam is tempered somewhat when I remember the night on which a couple who led us in Training Union when I was nine went to some trouble to make the point that living under Communism would mean living without Christianity and its visible trappings. When we arrived at Training Union we were told that our country had been taken over by Communism and that all Bibles were to be destroyed. We were to search the room for the Bibles as if we were soldiers. We found them hidden everywhere, even taped underneath the bottom of chairs. After we found them all, we were reminded of one place where we could hide God's Word and it could not be taken away—our hearts.

This is only one of the many kinds of fine things that taught us unforgettable lessons as we came along, our giggling and giggling notwithstanding.

I wouldn't try to name the grains of salt I have known. Probably none of them will ever meet the world's requirements for being worthy of a biography, but the people whose lives they flavored and helped to preserve need no reminder of their delightful saltiness. I am very thankful they didn't let our giggling and giggling keep them from leading us in the ways we needed to go. I thank them all for their part in keeping me on track toward a happy Christian adulthood.

Recently I had a letter from a lovely lady who had read this column. She said something to the effect that I might not remember her but that I was in her Sunday school class when I was eleven. How could I ever forget her!

It was in her class one day when she was telling us that sometimes people came to hear Jesus preach because of curiosity that I smarted off, "Yes, curiosity killed the cat," and every one of those giggle boxes I told you about turned over. We all howled like a bunch of silly cats and the class time was nearly a total loss. But her patient, quiet reprimand to me, "Now, Ewilda, I don't think remarks like that please Jesus," has come to me many times in many situations.

Like a grain of salt, she has kept right on flavoring and preserving my life. I doubt that any of us who sat at her feet, attended her parties, listened to her study courses has forgotten her, but I do seriously doubt that we have expressed appreciation to her and the host of others like her who trudged along with us through our formative years.

Sometimes when I stand in front of a bunch of young ones who act as if they're at a picnic over in the next county, I think fifteen-years-ahead, say for the tenth time, "Quiet, please," and try to make myself heard above the giggles. (Mrs. Fancher may be addressed at 316 W. Canal St., Aberdeen, Mississippi 38730).

#### THE BAPTIST FORUM

### Revival Follows Tornado Disaster

Dear Dr. Odle,

I would like to share with you some of the wonderful things that have been happening in Tallahatchie County since the February tornados.

Every church of every denomination in the area where the tornado hit has been experiencing revival. We have had some record attendances; many have made professions of faith and scores have rededicated their lives to God.

In my church, Paul Baptist, we are rejoicing over the things that have happened in the past few weeks. We have had eight professions of faith, one surrender to work with our Children's Choir, three to move their letter, and many, many rededications. We have had a record attendance in the Sunday morning services of 85 and Church Training of 50. Our Sunday School enrollment is 55 and Church Training enrollment is 45. Our offerings have been high also, despite the fact that many of our families have had many extra expenses.

One thing in particular that has really been a witness for the Lord is our Tallahatchie Baptist Campground. On the day after the storm, the ladies of the community opened the Campground and began to prepare hot food for the ones who were homeless and those who were out there working. As the day wore on, we saw that several families were not going to be able to find adequate housing, so we got busy and prepared the cabins and invited them to come there. We have had thirteen people staying at the Campground since the storm. They have their trailers now, but do not have them hooked up yet. These three families were not Baptist either. Of these thirteen people, five have made professions of faith since the storm.

The Tallahatchie Baptists have responded in a marvelous way. We voted to let the people live at the Campground as long as they needed. The churches have provided food and clothes. One of our sister churches, First Church of Tutwiler, gave a generous gift of money to the families. These things have been a good witness from the Baptist people of our county and has really made an impression upon the community. We are so thankful that our beloved Campground could be put to such a use. We know that our former missionary, Rev. G. E. Jolley, will be happy to learn that the Campground has ministered to the needs of the people in this way.

We are proud and thankful to be a part of the wonderful and warm fellowship of the Tallahatchie Baptist people. This is a special way of saying "thank you" to our fellow brothers and sisters who responded to our needs in the Cascilla community.

We ask everyone to join us in prayer that this revival will continue.

Yours in Christ,  
Rev. Jimmy McHann, pastor  
Paul Baptist Church

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#### NEWEST BOOKS

**THE MINISTER AS MARRIAGE COUNSELOR** By Charles William Stewart, Revised 1970. (Abingdon Press, 224 pages, \$4.75) The minister is a key person in marriage. If the marriage is in the church the opportunity and responsibility of counseling are thrust upon the minister. In the beginning Dr. Stewart presents a survey of the field and the process of counseling. Then he presents detailed studies of the structure, nature and goals of premarital counseling, marriage counseling, family counseling, estrangement and reconciliation, divorce and post-divorce. Helpful case histories are presented. The chapter on Family Life Education in the Church, with a good bibliography, is provocative and helpful. It will make a leader want to do something in his church.

**A FOOL AT FORTY** by George Patterson (Word Books, 222 pp., \$4.95).

They say that only a fool at forty would sell his house and furniture, settle his wife and children in rented quarters, and go off with a television film crew to one of the most inaccessible spots on earth. But George Patterson at forty set out on a venture to help an oppressed people, knowing that if it failed it could cost his life. The aim of the adventure: to dramatize the state of Tibetan refugees by filming a group of Tibetan Khamba guerrillas shooting a Chinese military convoy inside Tibet. This would make nonsense of the claim that Tibetans wanted Chinese in their country. The project grew out of 20 years of concern for Tibetans which began when Patterson lived in Tibet as a missionary. He felt that God was calling him to this project. The film of the raid on Tibet has been seen by two hundred million in 40 countries. Patterson is a native of Scotland, has written eleven books, and now lives in Hong Kong with his wife (a medical doctor) and three children. As one reviewer said, "This is superb drama with quality of Hemingway story."

**THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN I — XXI, AND THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN XIII — XXI**, edited by Raymond E. Brown (These are two volumes of the commentary series, The Anchor Bible (Doubleday and Company, 1206 pp. plus 146 pages introduction in the two volumes, \$8.00 each. The Anchor Bible volumes are very scholarly and include thorough research into scholarly problems in the books. This certainly is true in these volumes on the Gospel of John. This research is revealed not only in the study of the text, but in the in-

troductory material which has page after page concerning the unity and composition of the fourth Gospel, the tradition behind the Gospel, influences on the religious thought of the Gospel, and numerous other scholarly questions. Much of the material will be of little interest to the average student, but certainly would be of much interest to the scholar. The comments are given as notes following each printed section. There also are included literary questions concerning the text itself. We have not seen a more thorough study of the book, but it is not the popular type of study and would be of small value to any other than the trained scholar. The volumes also contain a new translation which strives for accurate and contemporary rendering of the meaning of the book.

**DICTIONARY OF PAGAN RELIGIONS** by Harry E. Wedeck and Wade Baskin (Philosophical Library, 363 pp., \$10) Assembled in this one volume are essential facts about the cults, rites, and rituals associated with polytheistic religions that have existed from the Stone Age to the present. This record, set forth in alphabetical order, includes many of the forgotten religions, their ideologies, practices, and mythologies.

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH HANDBOOK** by Jessie P. Sullivan (Baker, paperback, 124 pp., \$2.95) This book is composed of two parts, first an explanation of what a Children's Church is, and second, material to be used in conducting a Children's Church. The author defends the concept of church services scaled to the four-to-eight-year-old. She insists on its being a worship service, not a playtime.

**WORSHIP SERVICES FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS** compiled and edited by Norman L. Hersey (World Publishing, 214 pp., \$6.95) This is a book that every church library needs, as a resource book for planning services of worship—dedications, installations, special days. Though some of the services (such as Lent, or baptism of infants), are not observed in Baptist churches, the majority of these suggested services take place in Baptist churches or could be adapted to Baptist worship services. Besides the special Christmas, Easter, and Thanksgiving services, there are installation services of many types, numerous types of dedication services, and several services for special occasions. These unusual and varied programs were selected from thousands submitted to the publication, Church Management, of which the author was editor.





Gary Googe

## Gary Googe Now In Full-Time Evangelism

Rev. Gary Googe is now serving in full-time evangelism. The 22-year-old preacher graduated from Mississippi College in January.

During this spring he has been or will be preaching in revival campaigns in the following churches: Seventh Street Church, Culman, Ala.; First Church, Gulf Breeze, Fla.; First Church, Margate, Fla.; Wilton Manors Church, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; First Church, Lafayette, Tenn.; Corinth Church, Magee, Miss.; Van Winkle Methodist Church, Jackson, Miss.; First Church, West Point, Miss.; and Creek Path Church, Guntersville, Ala.

During his revival at First Church, Gulf Breeze, Fla., over 100 decisions were recorded, including 45 professions of faith. He has been invited to return to the same area, in March of 1972, for a citywide revival. The pastor, Rev. Robert H. Glass, said that the revival at Gulf Breeze under the leadership of Mr. Googe was the best that the church had experienced in the ten years he had been there.

A native of Pompano Beach, Fla., Mr. Googe has been in Mississippi for three and one-half years, and is now living in Natchez. A former nightclub entertainer, he has been a Christian for about four years. Since he entered the ministry he has led in revivals in Florida, Georgia, Maryland, New York, Mississippi, Tennessee, and other states.

Last July he formed his evangelism association, the Gary Googe Evangelism Association, or Christa (Christ Is the Answer for America).

He hopes to be preaching in area-wide, interdenominational, evangelism crusades, as well as for crusades on college campuses. His evangelism association is also operating a Christian coffeehouse in downtown Natchez. The coffeehouse came as a result of his citywide campaign in Natchez in April of 1970. Persons interested in contacting Mr. Googe regarding revival campaigns may write him at P. O. Box X, Natchez, Ms.

# Clarke Trustees Seek To Secure 100 Scholarships Of \$300 Each

al students and there are many more. The Board of Trustees of Clarke College has adopted a special project this year the securing of scholarship funds to make it possible for a larger number of students to attend the Mississippi Baptist Junior College. It is the purpose of the trustees to secure at least 100 scholarships of \$300 each.

"Mississippi and the world need more students educated at Clarke College," says Dr. James E. Booth, prominent physician and surgeon of Eupora, president of the Alumni Association and vice-chairman of the Clarke Trustees. He continues: "Clarke could accommodate addition-

students who wish to attend the Mississippi Baptist Junior College. The public junior colleges, however, with their tax support, can offer the work at much lower cost. Also, the other colleges are increasing their offers of substantial scholarships. One way the alumni and friends can help many fine students to secure a Christian education is to join in this effort to provide at least 100 scholarships of \$300 each."

Reuben Lott, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, well-known Laurel furniture merchant and a large contributor to the work of Clarke, is enthusiastic about this project, as is Dr. R. J. Reynolds, Newton dentist, Secretary of the Board. They anticipate the reaching of the goal that has been

set. A number of people have already indicated their intention to provide one or more of the scholarships and the trustees are confident that the full number will be provided.

## Jaycees Sponsor

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Music will be under the direction of Larry J. Black, Minister of Music for the First Baptist Church, Jackson.

Tom Goode, former All-American football star from Mississippi State University, and now center for the World Champion Baltimore Colts will give his Christian testimony. He is a Methodist.

Special music will be presented by the Colonials, a trio consisting of three business men from Jackson. They are Bill Clark who plays the piano and sings the lead; Don Legg, who sings first tenor, and Tom Larrimore, baritone.

Other denominations will also be participants in the program, and the Jaycees hope that the program will provide deep inspiration for the large crowd which is expected to attend.

Rev. Patterson, preacher for the service, came to the pastorate of the Jackson church in 1969. He is a native of Georgia, and a graduate of Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, and College Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga. Former pastorate include churches in Commerce and Perry, Ga., Hopewell, Virginia, and Pensacola, Florida. In 1967 he attended the World Congress on Evangelism in Berlin and visited the Holy Land.

Larry Black is from Alabama, and attended Temple College, Chattanooga, and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served Roswell Street Baptist Church, Marietta, Ga., and Central Park Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala., before coming to Jackson in 1970.

Tom Goode spends most of the off season from his football duties, making talks before churches, schools and youth camps. He also participated in the Week-end of Champions held in Jacksonville, Fla. during the past year.

Bill Clark is employed by Radio Station WDDX, Don Legg is an executive with International Business Machines.

Tom Larrimore is a graduate of New Orleans Seminary, and has served several churches in the South as Music Director.

The trio has recently participated in a week-long city-wide revival in Yuma, Arizona.

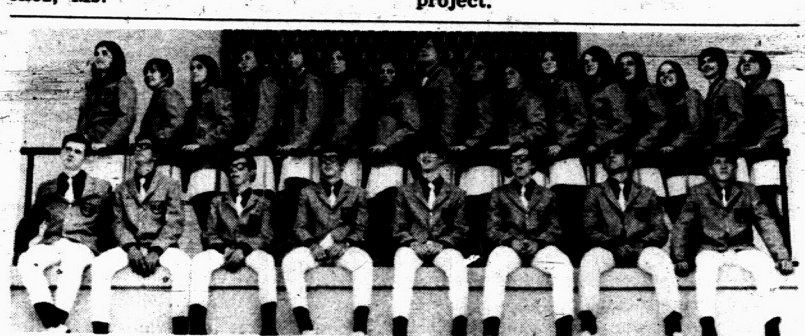
The Jaycees announce that the public is cordially invited to this community wide service on Easter morning.

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McDowell Road Singers from McDowell Road Church, Jackson, will sing at the Solid Rock Festival on the Coast, under direction of Johnny E. Speedling, Jr., accompanied by Mrs. Ann Speedling.

## Hundreds Of Young People Going To The Coast April 9-10 For The "Solid Rock" Festival

Over three hundred young people from all over the state will be going to the Mississippi Gulf Coast, Saturday, April 10, to share their Christian testimonies through music. Hundreds of others will be here to enjoy what is hoped to be the greatest Christian folk music festival ever to be held. This festival is to be called the "Solid Rock" Festival.

The young people will have a bonfire and prayer meeting on the beach Friday, April 9. A witnessing clinic is being held, to prepare young people to share Christ with others.

The festival will begin at 8:30 a.m. and continue until dark. It will be held on the beach at the Gulfport small-craft harbor. All young people are

invited and encouraged to come and stay all day. Bring a picnic lunch. Arrangements are being made for cold drinks. This event will be properly chaperoned.

There is still a little time left for a few performers to get their names in the program. If you would like to sing or play an instrument, please call Gulfport 896-3696.

Some of the performers are as follows: New Christian Sounds, Gulfport; Pound of Pop, Jackson; Witness, Meridian; The Challengers, Hattiesburg; Shifalo Singers, Kiln; F O G, Pascagoula; Searchers, Jackson; P T L, Wesson; Youth Choirs from various churches, solos, duets, trios, etc.



## The Earth Is The Lord's...

"The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." (Psalm 24:1). It's spring and time for the fruit trees to blossom in the orchards. This young lady finds a pear tree a thing of beauty. (RNS Photo)

## After The Sunset The Dawning

By Dr. C. Earl Cooper, Riverside Church, Jacksonville, Fla.

I have seen the earth's grass scorched by the heat of the noon-day sun. I have seen the glittering desert sand crying for water, yet hopeless in that cry. I have seen the western sky bleeding in agony as the evening sun went down. I have seen the aftermath of the tornado which laid a town to waste.

I have seen the gutted earth, the dug trenches, the pitted fox holes, the yawning caves, the barbed wire, the exploded mines, the carcasses of death and waste, and hate and emptiness of war. I have smelled the burned flesh, the exploded powder, the sickness of death in war. I have heard the strange noises — the staccato of machine gun fire, the roar of cannon, the scream of bursting shell, the groans, curses, and prayers of helpless, hopeless, homeless, war-wounded men. I have seen the crosses of Flanders Field, of Gettysburg, Vicksburg, King's Mountain, and Bull Run.

I have seen poverty, the blank, dull witless masks of hungry faces. I have seen ignorance, the closed, narrow, bigoted minds of the affluent; the razor-sharp edges in the minds of the graduates of universities — propagandized, trained in ignorance; the brainless tyranny of the illiterate; the plain, dumb, wordless, thoughtless, helpless, meek submission to dark despair of those who would know but cannot.

I have seen the faces of those who were conversant with pain, who had received the awful reports from the technician's laboratory, who had heard the death sentence.

I have seen the etched worry on a parent's face.

I have seen and known the angry hell of the doomed.

But he is risen! "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

And he that sat upon the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end!"

# SCRAPBOOK

## He Is Risen! I Have Seen The Lord!

The words of Jesus' friends who went to the garden on Sunday morning expecting to find a corpse and found instead an empty tomb and a risen Lord are echoed the world over this Easter morning. Still, and even more surely than 2,000 years ago, they remain the foundation of faith, basis of hope for all mankind:



Early Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone was rolled aside from the entrance. She ran and found Simon Peter and me and said, "They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and I don't know where they have put Him."

We ran to the tomb to see; I outran Peter and got there first, lying there.

And stopped and looked in and saw the linen cloth lying there, but I didn't go in.

Then Simon Peter arrived and went on inside. He also noticed the cloth lying there.

While the swath that had covered Jesus' head was rolled up in a bundle and was lying at the side.

Then I went in too, and saw, and believed (that He had risen).

For until then we hadn't realized that the Scriptures said He would come to life again!

We went on home. And by that time Mary had returned to the tomb and was standing outside crying. And as she wept, she stopped and looked in.

And saw two white-robed angels sitting at the head and foot of the place where the body of Jesus had been lying.

"Why are you crying?" the angels asked her. "Because they have taken away my Lord," she replied, "and I don't know where they have put Him."

She glanced over her shoulder and saw someone standing behind her. It was Jesus, but she didn't recognize Him.

"Why are you crying?" He asked her. "Whom are you looking for?" (She thought He was the gardener.) "Sir," she said, "if you have taken Him away, tell me where you have put Him, and I will go and get Him."

"Mary," Jesus said. She turned toward Him. "Easter!" she exclaimed. "Don't touch Me," He cautioned, "for I haven't yet ascended to the Father. But go find My brothers and tell them that I ascend to My Father and your Father, My God and your God."



Mary Magdalene found the disciples and told them, "I have seen the Lord!" Then she gave them His message.

That evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors, in fear of the Jewish leaders, when suddenly Jesus was standing there among them! After greeting them,

He showed them His hands and side. And how wonderful was their joy as they saw their Lord!

He spoke to them again and said, "As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you."

Then He breathed on them and told them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you refuse to forgive them, they are unforgiven."

(From the Gospel of John, Chapter 20, verses 1 through 23. The Living New Testament, Tyndale House, Publishers, Wheaton, Ill.)



## Rabboni! Rabboni!

A happy and a glorious Easter will this one be to all of us who get a new vision of the risen Christ and prostrate ourselves in humble adoration at His feet and cry Rabboni! Rabboni! —Theodore L. Cuyler

## Alleluia!

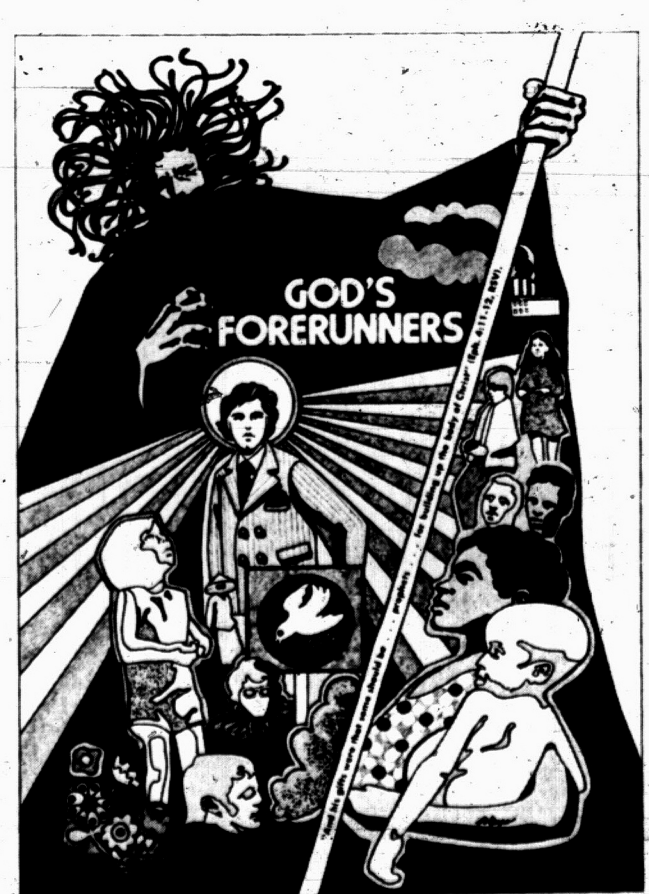
Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King: Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Dying once, He all doth save: Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia! —Charles Wesley

## Go Quickly And Tell...

Walker B. Knight tells of a minister who stood before the window of an art store looking intently at a painting of Jesus on the cross. A ragged little boy came and stood by him: "Do you know who He is?" asked the minister. "That's Jesus. The soldiers are standing guard. That woman crying is his mother," said the boy. The minister walked away. The boy overtook him and said, "Say, mister, I want to tell you that Jesus rose again!" Then he smiled and ran away happy to have told the good news.

This is the greatest privilege that Christians have today, the fact of sharing the Resurrection story. This brings into our hearts purpose and excitement. This is an every-day responsibility, and Easter is a year-long celebration — "Duncan Lines." First, Brandon, Bulletin.



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## April Is Life Commitment Month

Sponsored by the program of vocational guidance of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Life Commitment Month emphasis is designed to recruit youth to Christian vocations. The poster for this emphasis is shown above.



## Miss Linda Berry Of Blue Mountain Dies At 84

By Marguerite Hill  
On Wednesday, March 24, at 5:30 p.m., Blue Mountain's Miss Linda Berry passed away in the Baldwin Nursing Home, Baldwin, Mississippi. She was 84. Funeral services were held in the Chapel of Waters Funeral Home, Baldwin. Rev. Kermit Brann, pastor of Baldwin Church, her pastor and a former member of the Blue Mountain College Board of Trustees, officiated. He had the honor of paying high personal tribute to one of his most faithful church members.

Miss Berry, known by scores of Blue Mountain College Alumnae and friends, as Miss Linda, was a native of Baldwin, the daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. Julius Berry and the niece of the late Mother Berry of Blue Mountain College, co-founder of the college. Miss Linda was preceded in death by her parents and all of her illustrious brothers. When Miss Berry was a young girl, she lived in Blue Mountain with her family and attended Blue Mountain College, from which she received her B. A. degree in voice. She held the B. Mus. degree from Bush Conservatory of Music, Chicago, and the M. A. degree in voice from Columbia Univer-

sity, New York. She had studied in Europe with master teachers. Miss Linda joined the faculty of Blue Mountain College in September, 1920, as director of the Department of Voice. She served in that capacity until the close of the 1959 session. She returned to the campus in 1960 as hostess in Lowrey Dormitory and remained in that service until May, 1965. She then moved to her home in Baldwin.

During her thirty-nine-year tenure at Blue Mountain College, she directed music for the annual operettas, planned and directed the annual Christmas musical programs, served as choir director of Lowrey Memorial Church, furnished special musical numbers for local and national alumnae meetings, served on many committees in the interest of the College, the town of Blue Mountain, and the church, and contributed generously to every cause of advancement in Blue Mountain. After her final retirement from teaching Voice at BMC, she gave private voice lessons to local young people in Baldwin.

Every student of music or any other field of study at BMC was blessed, encouraged, and made happier in her

college course by the very presence and living Christian example of Miss Linda Berry.

Some quotes concerning their high regard for a master voice teacher as given from Clara Rivers Griffith, Onda Gilbert Maxwell, and Jean Shurden Brown, three outstanding former students of Miss Berry.

Mrs. Griffith, a former resident of Blue Mountain, says, "Miss Linda Berry was the personification of beauty, harmony, and music. She seemed to me to be in tune with the great overtones, and discords did not mar the experiences between her and those of us who saw in her the realization of what a good teacher should be. Teaching—and teaching music—instrumental and vocal—with her was a passion, the veritable heart-throb of the true artist that she was."

Mrs. Maxwell says, "Opera with its many thrills and Miss Linda Berry will always be associated. She taught all of her voice students to love music and to do their best in all of their work."

Mrs. Brown says, "It must have been gratifying to know that definite traits of character are in action in homes, churches, civic organizations, and schools at home and in many countries abroad because of the masterful teaching of Miss Linda Berry."

Although Miss Linda is not on the campus now, to lead the chapel singing, her composition, "THE ALMA MATER," will be sung by Blue Mountain College student generations for years to come.

Although Miss Linda leaves no members of her immediate family circle, she is survived by other relatives, including a number of nieces who are graduates of Blue Mountain College. These close relatives are Dr. Mary Tom Berry, Murfreesboro, Tenn.; Mrs. Norman Mockbee of Meridian; Dr. Perrin Berry of Jackson; Mrs. J. N. Berry, Mrs. J. G. Berry, and Miss Manie Berry, all of Tupelo; Mrs. Charles R. Berry and Charles R. Berry, Jr., of Houston, Texas; and Mrs. Roberta Smith, formerly of Ripley, now of Tupelo. Each niece listed studied music and especially voice at BMC, even though they ma-

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## Names In The News

Rev. Arthur Weaver, former assistant pastor of First Church, Jackson, and for the past two and one half years, pastor of the Winterville Baptist Church in Georgia, has been named Director of Special Services for Athens General Hospital, Athens, Ga. His wife is the former Linda White of Jackson. The couple have three daughters. Mr. Weaver, a native of Calhoun City, was featured in a special story concerning his ministry and his new work in the March 11 issue of the Athens Banner Herald. In his new position Mr. White will coordinate activities of the volunteer program, social work and the chaplain programs of the hospital. He will do a great deal of counseling and will conduct chapel services at the hospital each Sunday.

Rev. Robert E. Wall, pastor of Easthaven Church, Kalispell, Montana, left Kalispell Monday, March 1, for New York, where he joined a group for a trip to the Holy Land. The trip was made possible by the generosity of friends from his home town of Brookhaven, Miss. The tour was led by his long-time friend, Rev. Charles Gentry, pastor of Morrison Heights Church, Clinton. The people of his own church in Kalispell gave him over a thousand dollars to be used to extend his visit. He remained for two weeks after the others in the tour returned. This additional time gave him an opportunity for a thorough photographic expedition of many of the places where Jesus walked and ministered. He rented a car and drove throughout Israel, taking three cameras and enough film for several thousand slides. He plans to do enough photographic research to prepare a series of programs on the Holy Land. Mr. Wall is an expert photographer and has done a series on America which is widely known and has received many awards.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob G. Magee, missionary appointees to Chile, will complete orientation at Calaway Gardens near Pine Mountain, Ga., on April 16. On April 28, they are scheduled to fly to Costa Rica (address: Apartado 10240, San Jose, Costa Rica) for language study. Both Mr. and Mrs. Magee are Mississippians. He is from Tylertown and she is the former Dolores Bradley of Gulfport. Before their appointment by the Foreign Mission Board last November, Magee was minister of music and associate pastor of Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, for nearly two years.

Billy A. Vaughan, who has served as minister of music at First Church, Columbus, for the past six and a half years, has resigned to accept a similar position on the staff of First Church, Laurel, Rev. Robert Marsh, pastor. Mr. Vaughan went to Columbus from First Church, Paragould Arkansas, where he served as minister of music and education. Dr. S. R. Woodson is pastor of First, Columbus.



W. R. Harrelson, pictured, was licensed to the gospel ministry on March 7 by the Longview Church, Oktibeha County. He and Mrs. Harrelson have five children. Rev. Bill Stroud is pastor of the Longview Church.



Mike Coutoumanos, student at Blue Mountain College, was licensed to the Gospel ministry by Hillcrest Church, New Albany, March 24. He was graduated from W. P. Daniel High School, New Albany, where he was an outstanding athlete in 1970. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. George Coutoumanos, 407 Broad Street. Mr. Coutoumanos is available for pulpits, youth work, and interim pastorates.



Bob Gray, thirty-two, minister of music and education at First Church, Ripley, since September 1968 has accepted the position of minister of music and youth at Highland Church, Meridian, effective May 3. He is married to the former Norma Lou Hall of Myrtle, Missouri, and they have a son, Andy, four. He attended Delta State College and Southwestern Seminary. He was music director for the public schools in Risco, Missouri 1961-1963, and has served as minister of music and youth at First Church, Everman, Texas and as minister of music and education of First Church, Hearne, Texas. Rev. Jack W. Elliott is pastor at Highland.

Dr. Hollis B. Todd, chairman of the department of speech and drama at Mississippi College, will attend a meeting of the executive committee of the Southern Speech Association in New Orleans, La., April 6-10. Dr. Todd, a graduate of Mississippi College, the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Louisiana State University, is a past-president of the Mississippi Speech Association.

Rev. and Mrs. Orvil W. Reid, representatives, have completed furlough and returned to Mexico (address: Apartado 1436, Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico). An Oklahoman, Reid was born in Stigler and grew up in Marble City. Mrs. Reid is the former Alma Ervin of Nashville, Tenn. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1938.

## Revival Dates

Big Ridge, Biloxi: April 11-18; Dr. Mercer Irwin, executive secretary-treasurer, New Orleans Association, evangelist; Grant Shipp, directing the music, services 10:00 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.; Rev. Robert M. Carlisle, pastor.

Bethsaida (Neshoba): weekend youth revival; April 16-18; East Central Junior College BSU in charge; Paul Bryant, Clarke College, evangelist; services 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday; Dr. John E. Barrow, pastor.

Spring Hill (Marshall): April 16-23; Rick Ford, young preacher from Tippah County, speaker; Jack Robinson and Miss Jo Young, in charge of music; Rev. Clyde Thompson, pastor.

Long Star Mission, Collins: April 11-16; Rev. M. L. Faler, Shreveport, La. evangelist; John Hughes, Mt. Horeb Church, in charge of music; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., with dinner on the grounds and singing in the afternoon; Rev. Rudolph Sims, pastor.

First, McComb: April 4-9; Dr. Duke McCall, president, Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., evangelist; James Bickham, minister of music at East McComb, song leader; Dr. John Lee Taylor, pastor; services at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.; morning services broadcast over WAFB.

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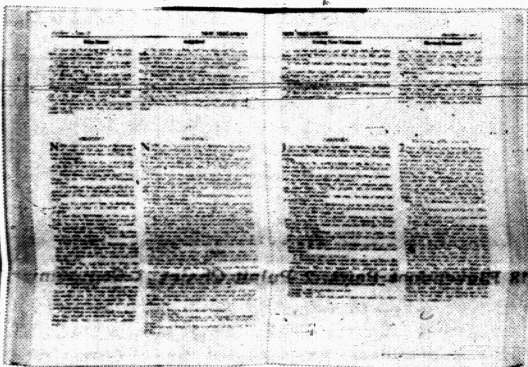
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Sunny Hill Church (Pike): April 18-23; Rev. Danny Hood, Meridian, evangelist; Eddie King, McComb, singer; Rev. Jimmy Hodges, pastor; night services only: 7:30 p.m.

New Zion Church, Forest: April 18-25; Paul Brown, instructor at Clarke College, evangelist; Jim Gunter, music director and Brenda Box, pianist, both of Clarke College; services each night at 7:30 and Sunday morning services at 11:00 with special music each service; Rev. Ronald Windle, pastor.

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# The Easter Message Rests Upon The Fact Of The Risen Lord

By Clifton J. Allen  
I Corinthians 15

This lesson is the climax and the conclusion of the unit on the "Parables of Jesus." We are now to see how the apostle Paul used earthly figures of speech to illustrate the profound truth about the resurrection. The Easter message rests upon the fact of the risen Lord. His resurrection is the guarantee of the ultimate resurrection of all the dead. But let us be quick to realize that there is much of mystery, meaning, and reality about the resurrection which reaches beyond our comprehension. We grasp some insights, and we are filled with hope. As the basis of our study, we are to consider I Corinthians 15. It is the great classic chapter on the resurrection. It should be read with reverence and studied with seriousness.



The Lesson Explained  
Assurance Of The Resurrection  
Verses 20-22

In the preceding verses Paul argues for the fact of the resurrection of Jesus by raising a hypothetical question. What if there is no resurrection of the dead? This would mean that Christ could not have been raised up from the dead. But the fact of Christ's resurrection was established by many eyewitnesses, by Paul's conversion which could have been accounted for only through encounter with the living Christ, and by the personal experience of many believers. The fact was beyond refutation. His resurrection was a firstfruits, or the beginning of a great harvest of resurrected persons. On the basis of Christ's resurrection, resurrection can be accepted as an assured fact for all persons. Paul went on to emphasize that death is a fact for the whole of humanity. As the offspring of the first man, death is a part of the experience of every person. But the disobedience of Adam brought spiritual

death. Therefore, all unredeemed persons are identified with Adam. By analogy and contrast, the redeemed are identified with Christ. By man, the incarnate Son of God, and by his victory over death, there is certain victory over death and certain resurrection for all the redeemed. No man can escape death which is a part of his humanity, but any man can have absolute assurance of a glorious resurrection through giving himself to Jesus Christ. The Resurrection Body Verses 35-45

A different body. — Some persons still ask, How will the resurrection take place and what kind of body will resurrected persons have? Paul answered the question with a parable from life. Seed are sown in the soil. They must die before they become plants. One kind of body becomes a different kind of body. This is not automatic. It is the plan and purpose of God; the change takes place by the power of God. Paul went on to comment on different forms of life or different kinds of bodies — of animals,

birds, fish, and human beings. Likewise, there are earthly bodies and heavenly bodies. The earthly body is appropriate to the earthly existence and the heavenly body to the heavenly existence. There is a different kind of glory for the different parts of the natural world. The central truth emphasized by Paul is the continuity of life but the difference in the form in which one's life will have expression. The individual will be the same individual with a different body. The certainty of a resurrection body gives meaning and dignity to the present body of the Christian. It is the creation of God, and it is sacred for the purpose of God.

Fit for a new world. — What is the nature of the resurrection body? The body will fit the new realm of existence as a part of the body of Christ in eternity. The resurrection body will be imperishable. It will be free from physical limitations, being completely spiritual. It will be free from all that savors of its natural existence as a son of Adam and characterized by all that marks its spiritual existence as a creation of Christ. In the glorious

realm of the redeemed, prepared by God in Christ for his own, the Christian will be clothed with an existence which makes him appropriate to be in the very presence of Christ and to worship and serve Christ forever.

## Truths to Live By

The living Christ is the center of our faith. — The faith of Christians is not a creation of delusion or imagination. It is not a system of philosophical thought. It is not simply belief in impersonal Reality. The Christian faith centers in God in Christ, God manifest in Christ, God in Christ who died and arose from the dead, God in Christ to whom we come as Father through his Spirit. We have received through Christ the grace of God and the gift of eternal life. When we have declared, "Thou O Christ, art all I want," he has responded, "My peace I give you to you. I am with you always."

The power of the resurrection is a force in Christian experience. — The living Christ has given his Spirit to all who believe in him. Were it not for the power of the resurrection in present experience, there could be no

certainty of moral victory, no untainted faithfulness as a follower of Christ, and no satisfying peace and hope in a world corrupted by evil and so largely dominated by the sway of Satan. Because we can be strong in the strength of the living Lord, we know that it is not futile to contend against the principalities and powers and world rulers of darkness. We know that we shall be able to stand because of the greatness of Christ's power in us.

The resurrection hope inspires faithfulness and zeal. — To the degree that Christians keep their purposes and aspirations centered upon Christ, the resurrection hope takes on deeper meaning and greater dimensions in terms of the purpose of God. We begin to see the resurrection hope as the culmination of God's plan of the ages. We begin to see it in terms of the fullness of the body of Christ and the multitude of the redeemed whom no man can number. No Christian can treasure this hope without feeling to the depths of his being that he is involved in the mission of Christ for the redemption of the world.

## Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

# A Witness Of The Living Lord

John 20:1-11  
By Bill Duncan

The Decision magazine of March 1964 carried the story of two French gentlemen talking, one was a Monsieur Lepeaux and the other was the statesman — Bishop Talleyrand. The Monsieur was quite disappointed at his failure to gain followers for a new religion which he regarded as an important improvement on Christianity.



He explained that despite all efforts by himself and his supporters, his propaganda gained no converts. He finally asked Talleyrand what he should do. Talleyrand replied that it was indeed difficult to find a new religion and he hardly knew what to advise. "Still," said Talleyrand, "There is one plan that you might at least try. I should recommend you to be crucified and to rise again on the third day."

Do you really believe the resurrection took place? That is that Jesus actually did rise from the dead, that his body came back to life and that he conquered the grave? Many of you may talk about the resurrection, but until you really believe it you cannot tell others about it.

Many theories have tried to explain the resurrection and the empty tomb. Each of these theories has been explained some way. (1) The fraud theory says someone stole the body of Jesus to make it appear that He rose from the dead. But Pilate posted guards at the tomb and they were bribed to say that someone stole the body while they slept (Matt. 28). (2) The swoon theory says that Jesus never really died. He just lost consciousness from pain and when he came to he escaped. A spear was thrust into his side by a Roman to hasten death. Also, how could he have moved the stone by himself, being so weak from torment? (3) The ghost theory maintains that the disciples saw Jesus in some kind of vision. The theory holds that the disciples wanted Jesus to be alive so much that they produced a subjective image of him in their minds' eye. The answer is that the disciples did not expect the resurrection. It is also given in Luke's account that Jesus was able to eat with them and they were invited to touch him to find out that he had flesh and bones.

People may argue their thoughts about the resurrection, but the plain statement of facts still remains. No one has disproven the Biblical account. The only explanation for the empty tomb is the resurrection of the body of the Lord Jesus Christ.

When one thinks of a witness of the resurrection, the story of Mary Magdalene always comes to mind. She was a loyal follower of Jesus who was present when Jesus was crucified,

buried (Mark 15:47), and when the women discovered the empty tomb. Her explanation of the empty tomb was that, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb and we don't know where they put him!" She had not examined the tomb, only reported what she had seen. Her witness was inviting a first-hand report. The other disciple (John) was the first to accept the fact that Jesus was raised from the dead (John 20:8). He nor any disciple fully understood the necessity for the resurrection.

Jesus made his first appearance to Mary while she was weeping near the tomb. It is obvious that Mary did not

recognize Jesus. This mystery as to why we cannot explain. When the Lord said her name, "Mary," she knew that Jesus was alive.

The experience is suggestive that the Lord will reveal himself to the humble heart. The experience of loving worship has always called for a witness. The Lord told Mary to go tell "my brethren" that he was ascending to be with the Father and even though they had scattered he was reassuring them of His grace and their high privilege in belonging with Him forever.

When Jesus made his first appear-

ance to the disciples they were hiding behind closed doors. Jesus knew they were frightened so he said, "Peace be unto you." They were disheartened, confused, and in the depth of discouragement. "Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord." They were glad to see their leader but even more glad to know that God's Word is true and that His purposes will be carried out in the world. He convinced the disciples and then commissioned them as living witnesses. When one becomes convicted of the resurrection then the commission is real.

The belief in the resurrection must be the central fact in any disciple's faith before he can be a witness. Our faith is in a living Lord. Without this open awareness we can never know the power of God's presence in our lives. To know that Christ is alive today should shape everything we do. The early disciples never left out of their witness that one must believe in the resurrection for salvation and hope. Our entire witness is based upon this thought.

Just as Mary Magdalene had the privilege of sharing her faith with others so does every believer have the task of telling what he has seen and heard. The empty tomb is not convincing, but the risen Lord is all the proof we need. We do not have to see him — only experience his power and presence to know this abundant life.



## McGaugh Portrait Presented

Dr. W. L. Compere, president, right, and Rev. J. B. Costilow, BSU director, look at a portrait of A. L. McGaugh, presented to Lake College on March 9. This date was the eve of the anniversary of the passing of Mr. McGaugh, whose unexpected death occurred on March 10, 1970. The portrait was prepared by Marvin Jacob Studios, Forest. It was provided by the Clarke Class of '68, under the leadership of Miss Juanita West, a member of this class and now teacher of speech and drama at Clarke. Mr. McGaugh was a teacher of science and mathematics from 1949 to the time of his passing. Mrs. McGaugh, Dean of Women at Clarke, and other relatives were present. Messages were read from daughters, Anne and Marcia, now Mrs. John Compere and Mrs. Warner Blackburn. The portrait will hang in the Science Hall which Mr. McGaugh helped to plan and in which he invested time and service.

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## Instrumental Ensemble Conference (Woodwind And String), April 16



Simmons

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The Instrumental Ensemble Conference (Woodwind and String) will be held April 16, at William Carey College (Thomas Hall, Room 226). Coordinator is Roddy Simmons of First Church, Brandon. Guest clinician is Benjamin Dunford of William Carey College faculty.

### Schedule for the conference:

- 9:30 Coffee and doughnuts—Registration
  - 10:00 Workshop
  - 10:15 Advantages of Instrumental Music Ministries
  - 10:30 Instrumental Conducting vs. Choral Conducting
  - 10:40 Demonstration of woodwind and stringed instruments
  - 11:30 Break
  - 11:45 Writing for woodwind and stringed instruments
  - 12:20 Lunch
  - 1:00 Writing for woodwind and stringed instruments continued
  - Elementary music manuscript
  - 1:30 Demonstration of actual scoring for woodwind and strings
  - Transposition
  - 3:00 Dismiss
- Registration fee is \$3.00. (This does not include lunch in cafeteria). Participants should plan to attend entire sessions.
- Pre-registration should be sent to the Church Music Department, Box 530, Jackson, no later than April 12.
- This conference would be of help to ministers of music who are interested in organizing and utilizing instrumental ensembles as well as soloists in their church.

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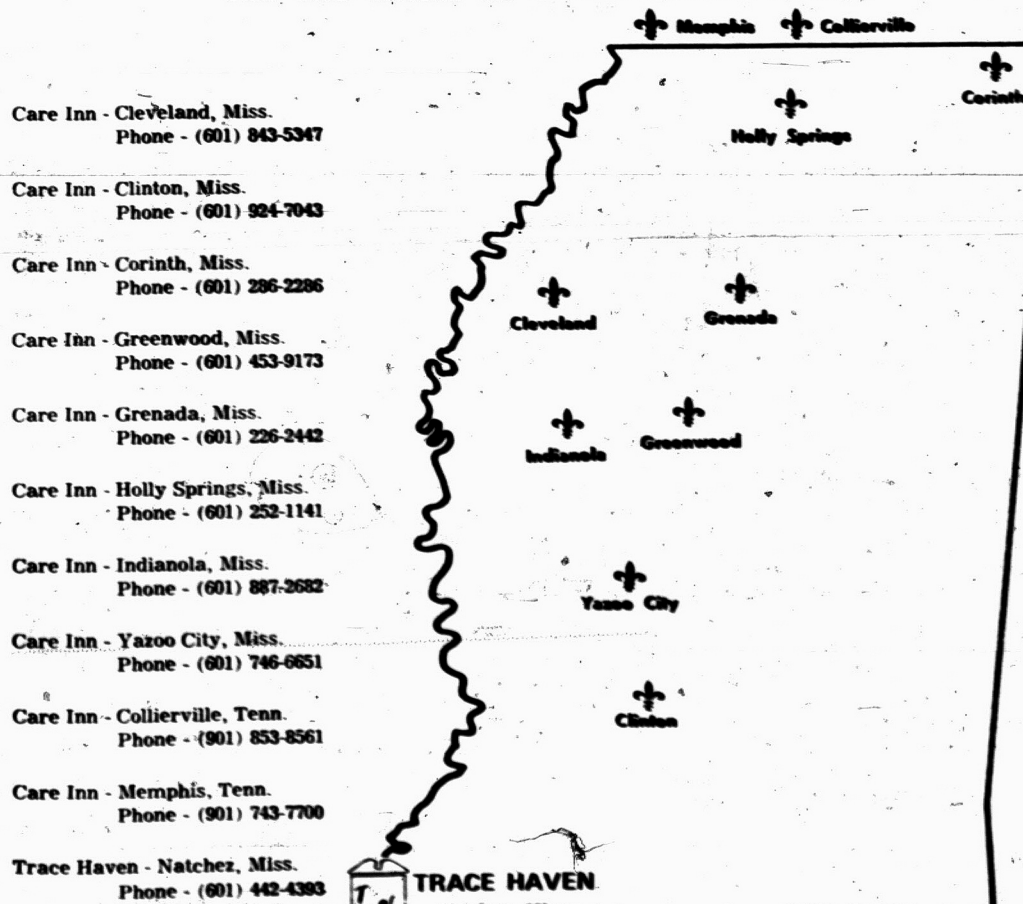


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## REVIVAL RESULTS

Rome Church: March 24-28; week-end revival; 7 professions of faith; 2 added by letter; a number on rededication; Rev. Charles Guy, pastor of the church, evangelist; Bobby Shurden, Drew, song leader.

Salem Church, Tylertown: March 26-28; youth revival; Rev. Ray Ming, Tylertown, evangelist; Herbert Martin, Salem, music director; Martha Burch, Salem, pianist; Rev. A. G. Gray, pastor; four professions of faith in Christ; many rededications and other commitments.

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## Families From Texas, Louisiana Start Sunday School In Malaysia

Two Baptist families have launched a new Sunday School mission in the oil fields of Miri in Sarawak, Malaysia.

The J. D. Wilson family from Rising Star, Tex., and the M. L. Meltons from Tallulah, La., arrived in Sarawak in mid-1970. From a church in the States they learned the names and address of the nearest

Southern Baptist missionaries, Bob and Dorothy Evans in Kuching, Sarawak.

Evans gave the couples some Sunday School literature and visited them. By the second week of its formal existence the Sunday School had enrolled 30 American, Dutch, Canadian, British and Chinese pupils. Wilson pled with Evans: "Send us a missionary! The people don't even know who Jesus is!"

Evans, a native of Rome, Ga., will try to visit the new mission point monthly until more help is available, reported Charles H. Morris, missionary press representative.

## Prentiss To Present "Seven Last Words"

On Sunday, April 11, at 7:00 p.m., the Adult Choir of Prentiss Church will present the musical, "The Seven Last Words of Christ," by Theodore Dubois.

The thirty-five voice choir will be assisted on the piano by Miss Sara McDaniel of Prentiss, church pianist. Assisting on the organ will be Ernie Hoffman, a senior music student at University of Southern Mississippi. The soprano soloist will be Miss Kay Paschal of Newton, sophomore at University of Southern Mississippi.

Clinton Nichols, a member of the voice faculty at University of Southern Mississippi will perform the tenor solos in the oratorio. Mr. Nichols is well-known throughout Mississippi for his sacred concerts, often assisted by his wife, Jarvis Rose Nichols.

The baritone soloist for the Easter service will be Lloyd Mims, Bradenton, Florida, a junior music student at the University of Southern Mississippi. (Mr. Mims also is presently serving as minister of music and youth at Bethany Church, Prentiss.)

Jimmy Cutrell, Minister of music and youth at Prentiss Church, will direct the presentation. Rev. Robert L. Sheffield is pastor.

## Easthaven Young People To Present 'Now Hear It Again'

The Youth Choir of Easthaven Church in Brookhaven will present the Christian Folk Musical, "Now Hear It Again!" by Bob Burroughs. This musical for witnessing youth will be sung by the 35 voice choir under the direction of Ronnie Taylor, minister of music. The soloist will be Miss Sharon Newell and the speaking parts will be done by Miss Debbie Richardson and Chuck Price.

The date and time of the musical will be Friday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m. It will be presented as a part of the pre-Easter revival services which have been in progress since April 4. Rev. Charles Dampier, the pastor of Easthaven, would like to extend an invitation to all churches in the surrounding area to bring their young people and adults to hear this inspiring folk musical.



CLOCKWISE from center, the Players are Altha Gemmill, Brenda Draughn, Mark Wilkinson, Bill Stephens, Rex Dubose, and Deborah Balzli.

## Serampore Players To Present "Sons Of Adam"

William Carey College's Serampore Players will present their eleventh annual religious drama on tour this Spring beginning this month. Under the direction of Professor Obra Quave of the Carey Speech and Drama Department, the Players will present *Sons of Adam* by P. J. Lamb.

The 1971 touring company is a select group of seven students: Deborah Balzli of Mobile; Brenda Draughn of Petal; Rex Dubose of Orlando, Florida; William Stevens of Pensacola; Altha Ann Gemmill of Biloxi; and Mark Wilkinson of Bradenton, Florida.

*Sons of Adam* is presented in four scenes. There are the creation and the fall in the Garden of Eden; man's

idolatry and the hope as expressed in Abraham; and inability of man to solve his own problems through his own temporal accomplishments; and the answer in the Nativity.

During the past eleven years, the Serampore Players have performed at such places as the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, New York City, and an international student conference attended by representatives of forty-two nations. They have been seen at various youth gatherings, in numerous churches, and in many schools and colleges. In 1971 the touring company will fill engagements at First Church, Union Springs, Ala.; First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle, North Carolina; Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, North Carolina; Milledge Ave. Church, Athens, Ga.; Brinkley Memorial Church, Chapel Hill, North Carolina; First, Canton, North Carolina (a city-wide Easter service); and Morning-side Church in Atlanta, Ga. Other engagements are being filled for the summer touring period which will feature the same drama and same cast. Interested churches or groups are urged to contact Obra Quave at Carey College prior to May 15.

Since the Serampore Players began their touring drama performances in 1961, they have performed over two hundred times to an estimated 60,000 persons. They travel an average of 10,000 miles each year.

## A Lay Witness At Byhalia Church

I had never heard of a Lay Witness Mission before coming to Byhalia in September of 1969. Since then I have begun to discover the thrilling results that happen before, during and after a Lay Witness Mission. Laymen from the Methodist Church in Bayhalla were active in this movement and as they shared the victory with me, my heart began to grow hungry to see one in our church.

Finally arrangements were completed and around twenty lay people from Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian Church arrived in Byhalia on Friday, March 12. Included in this group were husbands, wives, young people, and small children.

Excitement had been mounting among our people all week and it continued to manifest itself in the greeting and placing of these visitors in homes for the weekend.

That night we had a churchwide fellowship supper and several lay people gave their testimonies. We then divided the group into smaller groups and had a time of sharing and prayer.

Saturday morning the group scattered about at a number of coffees in which the subject, "The Deeper Life With Christ," was dealt with.

When then had a ladies' luncheon at the church and a men's luncheon at a cafe, while the young people eat hamburgers at the pastorium. That afternoon the visiting lay people took our church members on a soul winning venture and led TWO people to Christ.

The same Saturday night consisted of more sharing groups and a beautiful altar call praying for continual blessings for the next day. It was after 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday night when the last person left the church.

Sunday morning saw an all-time record in Sunday school and church attendance with more people being saved. Several church members committed their lives for the Lord at this service which lasted past 1 p.m. MANY, MANY, MANY, MANY people came to the altar to pray.

Sunday night the team was gone and we had evaluation and personal testimonies, then another altar call, which saw more saved and Christians, getting right with the Lord.

I would strongly recommend a youth church getting in touch with Bob McAdoo at 731 Whirlmantle, Union City, Tennessee, and sharing your request with him. The only cost involved is the purchasing of literature prior to the meeting. The laymen pay their own expenses and the host church feeds them and houses them in members' homes.

Souls were saved, Christians were

set free, and a new joy is now being experienced by many members because WE HAD A LAY WITNESS MISSION. Praise the Lord for His love.

## Garrett Resigns Emmanuel, Biloxi

Rev. Justus L. Garrett, pastor of Emmanuel Church, Biloxi, has resigned effective April 5. He has been called to the Eastside Church, Marietta, Georgia (in a rapidly growing suburb outside Atlanta, nine years old, and averaging above 600 in Sunday school).

A native of northwest Florida, Mr. Garrett is a graduate of Bob Jones University, Greenville, South Carolina, and was awarded the B. S. Degree from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

He served as assistant pastor of First Church, Hattiesburg, and pastor of Temple Church, Petal, before going to the Emmanuel Church, December, 1965. During his ministry there have been 632 additions by baptism and profession of faith and 1613 by letter.

His wife, the former Janis Hanson, of Jamestown, New York, received the B. S. degree from Bob Jones University also. They are the parents of 5 children—Stephen and Donna, students at Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama; Patricia, 16; Joan, 11; and Laurie, 6.

A reception in their honor will be held in Fellowship Hall at the Emmanuel Church on Sunday, April 4, from 3 to 5. The public is invited.

## Enon Homecoming

Homecoming at Enon Church on May 2 will feature H. J. Cothorn of Vidor, Texas, as speaker at the morning service. The day's program will begin at 9:45 a.m. and close at 2 in the afternoon.

Lunch will be served in the education building at noon, and a music program will be presented at 1 p.m.

Since Enon Church has care of the Enon Cemetery, offerings made on Homecoming Day each year are used for the upkeep of the cemetery. Those unable to attend the May 2 program may send offerings to A. L. Boyd, Jr., church treasurer.

The Planning Committee for the day's events include Vera Wallace, Eva Roberts, and Hattie Foil.

## Twelve More Churches Achieve Recognition In Use Of Church Training Achievement Guide

Twelve Mississippi churches have been added during the past month to the rapidly growing list of those who have achieved recognition in the use of the Mississippi Church Training Achievement Guide, according to Kermit S. King, department director.

Heading the list are three churches which have achieved Distinguished Recognition. These are Byram and Parkway Churches of Jackson-Hinds Association and Harmony Church of

Winston Association. Fred Lambert, W. E. Kinchen and J. D. Gregory are now serving as directors of Church Training in these churches.

First, Starkville, E. O. Templeton, director; Shady Grove, Copiah Association, Mrs. Harvey Bufkin, director; Oakland Church, Corinth, A. O. Geisler, Jr., director; and Tate Street Church, Corinth, H. S. Scarbrough, director, have attained Advanced Recognition.

Churches which have received Merit Recognition since the last report are Duck Hill, Kilmichael, Camp Ground, (Yalobusha Association), East Corinth, Wheeler Grove (Alcorn Association).

"With half the church year remaining we are already reporting almost as many churches attaining Merit Recognition this year as we did during the entire year of 1969-70," Mr. King stated.

## Devotional: A Parable

### The Un-crucified Christian

By John Merck, Rocky Creek, Lucedale, Pastor

JESUS Himself was that "Corn of Wheat." He fell to the ground. He died. As a result of his SACRIFICIAL and SUBSTITUTIONARY death on the cross of Calvary, His burial in the tomb, His resurrection, He has blessed the whole world with redemption.

Now, it is the purpose and place of God that all who are sons by faith in God "should also die." Not for the sins of the world; but for deliverance from self.

In Romans 6:6, Paul calls self "our old man." This weary body of sin and death we carry about with us, always hindering us, always tempting us. The word of God says that "our old man" was crucified with Christ.

(Isaiah 1:5-6). "The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds and bruises, and putrifying sores; they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment."

The OLD MAN never changes; no medicine can heal this disease, SELF. It can only be gotten rid of by DEATH. "Knowing this that our old man is crucified with Christ."

Some have not fallen to the ground and died; as a result they are abiding alone.

"When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride."

"On all my pride." All of it. pride of self, pride of person, pride of possession. "On all my pride."

What is the result of dying? "If it die it bringeth forth much fruit." (Fruit not works). Until self has been crucified and found its grave, our works will be done in the energy of the flesh. Such works may be very abundant, very wonderful, very beautiful, may even be self-sacrificing, they may be done in the name of the Lord, but unless we have died to self they are as sounding brass and tinkling cymbals.

We may PREACH about the cross, PRAY about the cross, SING about the cross, TALK about the cross, and may WEAR a cross, or WORSHIP the cross. But WE MUST BE CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST ON THE CROSS. My sins have slain my savior. Now I must slay my sins.

THE CROSS OF CALVARY KILLS. "Away with this man, crucify Him!" Be not deceived, dear friend, that danger is still there.

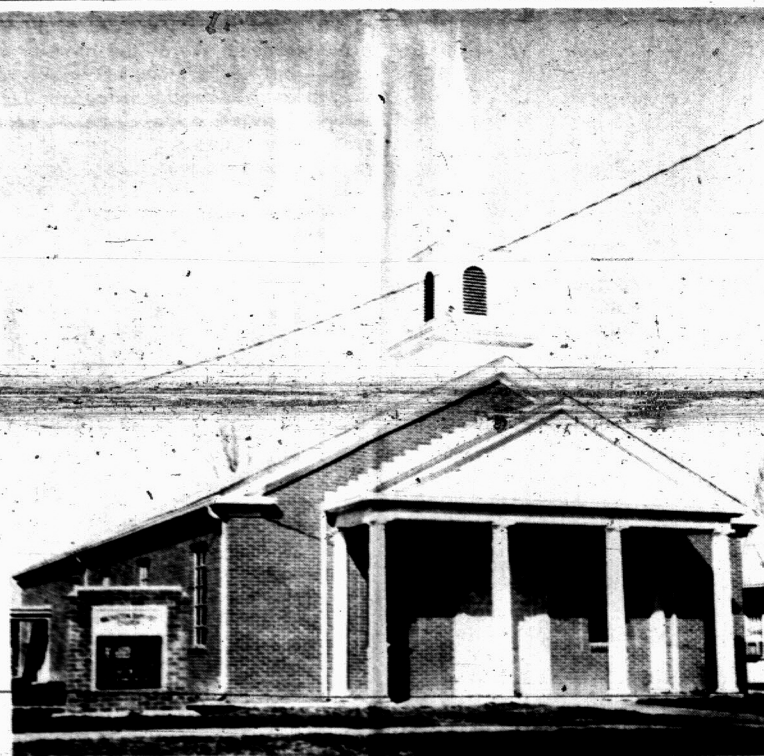
Some of you may have read of a mountain of lodestone which drew by its tremendous power every piece of iron brought within the range of its influence. The ships, passing near the shore of that land where the mountain was, felt its force on their anchors and chains and bars. At first their approach to the mountain was hardly noticed. They got off of their course a little, but that didn't bother anyone. But the attraction got stronger and stronger, until such velocity was built up, the vessel was drawn nearer and nearer. Then the very bolts and nuts and nails started coming out of little, but that didn't bother anyone. But the attraction got stronger and the ship's beams and planks and fastenings themselves to the side of the mountain, the ship fell to pieces and became a total wreck and died at the foot of the mountain.

Crucifixion means certain death. What did it mean for our Lord? CRUCIFIXION means FORGIVENESS; CRUCIFIXION means CONCERN; CRUCIFIXION means COMPASSION; CRUCIFIXION means SEPARATION; CRUCIFIXION means SACRIFICE; CRUCIFIXION means DEATH.

For certain kinds of murder Roman law used to inflict an abominable and living death upon the red-headed criminal. He was fast-bound face to face with his victim until he died, and death released him from the carcass.

We need to be bound face to face with Jesus until we have fallen to the ground and died to self.

Such suffering, able to spiritual schizophrenia, is predictable for the soul who cannot doubt.—C. W. Brainer in "Dealing with Doubt," a Broadman book.



## Mathiston Church Debt-Free

Rev. Cecil Clegg, pastor, right, and Jesse Oswalt, church treasurer, left, are shown burning the debt-free Mathiston Church note in a special service held March 7. Dr. W. Douglas Helgins, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, was guest speaker for the occasion. Several former pastors also returned for the dedication day.

## ABC-TV Network Is To Air 'The Answer'

WABC-TV, the ABC Network's powerful New York City station, has scheduled "The Answer," the South-

east Baptist Radio-TV Commission drama and documentary series.

The station, one of the largest in the populous New York metropolitan area will be airing the programs in the choice 12:30 p.m. Sunday time slot immediately preceding ABC's "Directions" series.

With 13 new, contemporary episodes added in the last two years, "The Answer" now is carried by 106 television stations across the country.

## Audition Dates Announced For First Youth Choral, Instrumental Retreat

The first Youth Choral and Instrumental Retreat is scheduled to be held at Mississippi College June 21-25. This retreat will be jointly sponsored by the Church Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Dan Hall, director and the Music Department of Mississippi College, Dr. Jack Lyall, Dean.

Youth eligible to attend outstanding Christian musicians of senior high school age. The applicants must be entering the 10th grade this September, or be 11th and 12th graders. The choral group will be limited to 100 voices, and the instrumental group to 40 players.

Instrumentalists will be selected from auditions, the dates and places of which are: April 15, from 4:30 to 7 p.m., at First Church, Brandon; April 16, from 4:30 to 7 p.m., William Carey College; April 30, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at North Greenwood Church; and May 1, from 10 a.m. to noon, at Harrisburg Church, Tupelo.

Those to try out at the auditions should be the most outstanding musicians from a church. Band members will be personally auditioned. Aubrey Gaskins, minister of music, Harrisburg, Tupelo, is in charge of auditions for instrumentalists.

Each church is eligible to send only six singers, two of whom must be boys. Each application for choral membership must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from the pastor and minister of music or high school music director.

A fee of \$30 will be charged for each participant, to cover room, board, packet of music, and registration fee. The application and letter of recommendation are to be sent to the Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, to be accepted on "first come, first served" basis. Retreat participants will stay in dorms at MC.

A highlight of the retreat will be the making of a recording (souvenir album) which the youngsters can purchase. There will be a concert presented on Friday evening in the patio garden of the college. In addition, there will be a talent show, swimming parties, barbecue supper on a lake, ball games, and other entertainment.

"There will be vesper services and religious activities. The emphasis will include the deepening of the spiritual life of the participants as well as the musical development," states Mr. Hall.

Each participant will receive a certificate from the Church Music Department. Appropriate awards will be given the outstanding boy camper and girl camper, the best vocalist, best instrumentalist, and the most congenial. In addition, scholarships of \$100 will be given to the outstanding participants, to be applicable to any Baptist college in the state for tuition payment.

## Off The Record

He Was Panting  
Traffic Officer — "Well, well, going to a fire, I suppose?"

Speeder — "Oh, no, officer. I just heard that my wife's church is having a rummage sale tonight, and I was hurrying home to save my other pair of pants."

It Figures. . . .  
An eighty-mile-an-hour gale blew into South Sioux City, Nebraska, and blew down half of the screen at a drive-in theatre. The movie was "Gone With the Wind."

Experience Teaches  
It seems that a young psychologist completed the work on his PhD degree and joined the staff of a State University. He had a congenial personality and a good speaking voice, and soon was in much demand for speaking engagements in the area. His favorite speech was entitled "Ten Ways to Manage Your Children."

As usually happens, he met a young lady, they fell in love, and were married. After four or five years they had two children and the young psychologist was still in demand as a speaker. He still used the same speech, but had changed the title to "Ten Suggestions for Managing Your Children."

Another ten or twelve years passed and the children had grown to become teen-agers. The not-quite-so-young psychologist was still making the same speech, except that he had changed the title, now calling it, "Ten Questions on Managing Your Children."